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Hague tells his party to stop the moaning and unite

Anthony Bevins and Colin Brown

William Hague last night scored a surprise, runaway victory in the final pallot for the Conservative leadership, becoming the youngest leader of the party for more than two cen-

Formally taking the leadership from John Major at a full party meet-Mr Hague appealed for an end to "belly-aching" and promised to put his leadership to a special conference of party members in a secret ballot.

"If iey can back me or sack me," he said, "because without the endorsement of members in the constituencies we will not be able to embark on a challenge so great as the one that faces us."

The result of the final round of the leadership ballot, announced to MPs in a Commons committee room little more than an hour earlier, gave Mr Hague 92 votes to Kenneth Clarke's 70, with two abstentions. The delight of some MPs was

marred for others by the snap announcement of Mr Clarke, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer. that he would not serve in Mr Hague's Shadow Cabinet and would be returning to the backbenches for the first time in 26 years.

The bitterness of his defeat was underlined by the fact that Mr Clarke had led in every other ballot of MPs - and, more significantly, of STOOIS ACTIVISIS. THE IEC yesterday's test of constituency and party opinion by 3 to 2 for Mr Hague, yet that ballot was patently

spurned by the party's 164 MPs. A statement from the office of John Redwood, whose "marriage from hell" brought Mr Clarke a mere six additional votes, said there would be no immediate statement from him. Francis Maude, one of the Hague campaigners, said he sus-pected some MPs had woken up yesterday to realise that such deals were not the way to elect a leader. "This is the first time in many years," he said, "when, faced with a choice between something stupid and wrong,



and someta Conservative Party has made the cor-

The result was also welcomed by Paddy Ashdown, who invited disaffected Tories to "find a welcome home with the Liberal Democrats". In the Commons Chamber, Labour MPs greeted the news by cheering and waving their papers in

the traditional parliamentary gesture of delight. However, the Opposition wel-come did not diminish the equally genuine pleasure of Mr Hague's supporters. When the result was announced by Sir Archie Hamilton, chairman of the backbench 1922

mmittee one of Mc Ha ty fans shrieked with delight in the corridor outside committee room 10, shouting: "Yes, yes, yes. God is a

Conservative after all." Mr Hague, 36, and a man who was outside the Cabinet just two years ago, is the youngest Conservative leader since Pitt the Younger, 24, in

He told the Central Office meeting: "Be prepared for some changes in this party because the way we conduct ourselves is going to change. The days of disunity, of factions and wings, and groups within groups, and parties within parties, must now come to an end.

Li anyone doubis i mean il i sav this to them - just try me. I won't always be as friendly as I look. If I have to, I will put some noses out of joint."

Earlier, he said he would be asking Mr Clarke to serve under him, but the former Chancellor responded shortly afterwards: "I've explained to William that long before the campaign started, immediately after the general election, I had decided that I wouldn't serve in the Shadow Cabinet if I did not become the leader. This has absolutely nothing to do with the events of this leadership campaign, which we have all set behind us and which was a per-

fectly reasonable campaign.

The party will also lose the services, on the frontbench, of Michael Heseltine, another veteran and the former Deputy Prime Minister, who

Mr Hague is expected to award his two key backers - Peter Lilley and Michael Howard - with the top jobs in his Shadow Cabinet, with Mr Lilley taking the shadow Chancellor's post and Mr Howard shadow Foreign Secretary. Gillian Shephard, who had backed

Mr Lilley in the first round, before switching to Mr Hague, will also get the reward of a top job. There was speculation she may become shad-

ow Home Secretary, Brian Mawhin ney, the party chairman, has offered to continue under the new leader.

'I see it as my job not only to lead the party but to heal its

divisions '

William Hague

'I propose to

active part in

Kenneth Clarke

(70 votes)

take an

politics from the back benches'

(92 votes)

There was dismay among the Clarke supporters at the extent of his had campaigned hard for a Clarke defeat but Hague supporters wanted revenge against Mr Redwood. Redwood is a liability; he has been shown he cannot deliver his support and he is not attractive to people in the country," said one Tory MP.

That was not the impression that had been left by Baroness Thatch-er – who had devoted a good deal of effort to twisting the arms of Redwood supporters to switch to Hague. She said last night: "It's been a good

Blair rescues Millennium project



Cavaliers and

Fran Abrams and Christian Wolman

Tony Blair took the biggest gamble of his prime minister-ship yesterday when he per-sonally intervened to save the Millennium Exhibition in Greenwich, south-east London. However, uncertainty still

dogs the future of the project. Mr Blair said it was dependent on the scheme meeting five criteria of viability. Millennium Central, the exhibition organiser, was prevented from issuing details of the project because of ministers' concerns about the contents of the Lord Rogers-designed dome. The £838m project, which

had been in danger of being Roundheads, abandoned following a com-prehensive review, will be re-



Who knows what the original sketches of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon looked like, or the rough drawings of the pyramids? They were built because of political vision and a commitment to art. Now Tony Blair's legacy to the nation will be the greatest exhibition centre in the world

The Independent's new architecture correspondent, Nonie Niesewand, in The Tabloid

launched next week and new executives brought in to run it. New designers are also expected to be brought in. The fact that so much still remains to be

decided for the project, which

must be completed by September 1999, compounds the personal risk taken by Mr Blair. Under the new criteria, the project must have a lasting legacy; its content must be im-

giving Britain a window to the future"; the nation must be included: there must be new management; and there must be no public expenditure apart from £20m spent on land recla-

The National Lottery Fund has already allocated £200m plus a further £250m which would be available if needed but

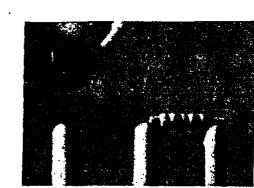
is almost certain to be used. proved; based on the concept of Ticket sales are expected to raise about £200m, which on the calculation of 10-12 million visitors assumes that entry will cost around £20.

While Chris Smith, Secretary of State for National Heritage, will remain in overall charge, Peter Mandelson, Mr Blair's ministerial bagman, will be in charge

the British Tourist Authority, welcomed the move, saying the Millennium Exhibition "will be the lewel in the crown of Millennium year in Britain and could account for bringing an additional £300-£500m of overseas visitor revenue to Britain in the year 2000."

London First, which represents business in the capital, said it welcomed the decision but warned: "The private sector must now be fully involved in the way that it has not been up to now with both the funding and

management of the project. However, Opposition sources hinted that Labour had been playing a double game when it cast doubt of the future of the exhibition during the elec-





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Black hole raises spectre of Budget tax rises political interference by using

Financial Editor

The prospect of big tax rises in Gordon Brown's first Budget increased yesterday, as the Government unveiled a £20bn "black hole" in the public finances. The warning that the Government was considerably worse off than previously forecast was seen as an attempt to soften up the financial markets and Labour's back benchers for higher taxes and a tightening of the screw on public spending.

The dramatic shortfall emerged as Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced a series of changes to the assumptions used by the Treasury in drawing up its economic forecasts. Those changes mean the Government now expects it will be forced to borrow £7bn more from the money markets in five years time than the previous Chancellor, Ken Clarke, suggested in his final Budget last

November. Having fought the election campaign on a promise not to

raise personal taxes, yester-day's move increases the likelihood that business will bear the brunt of the Chancellor's need to raise revenue. An attack on the tax credits enjoyed by pension funds now looks probable.

The Government predicts similar but smaller shortfalls in all the next five years, providing ammunition for the Chancellor to clamp down on excessive requests from spending departments. His hard-line position was further bolstered this week by retail sales figures showing a continuing boom.

Speculation is rising that interest rates will have to rise again to choke off demand.

In a bid to present the changes as part of a move tofice to scrutinise the social security fraud. assumptions and received its en-

dorsement yesterday. Mr Brown said yesterday: "Budgets must be built on honest foundations ... It is the first time that any chancellor has opened up the Treasury's forecasting assumptions to such

open and independent scrutiny." The main changes in the government's assumptions are a reduction in its expectations for

the long-term trend of ecowards more open government, nomic growth, and a less rosy
Mr Brown commissioned the inview of the savings that can be view of the savings that can be dependent National Audit Of- made from clamping down on

The Government has also said it will not count on any privatisation proceeds until legislation is in place for any state sell-off, and it will use information from the financial markets to forecast interest rates rather than open itself up to claims of

Treasury experts to predict the cost of borrowing in future years. Finally, Labour has commit-

ted itself to using a more pessimistic assumption for the number of jobless than Mr Clarke who last year broke with tradition by forecasting a fall in the unemployment rate.

Although presented as no more than a move towards greater transparency, economists in the City described yesterday's announcement as "an exercise in public relations". Report, page 22

Ivory ban lifted The international trade in elephant ivory can start again after a conference on endangered species agreed to relax a ban on the ex-Page 3

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Patients face fine in curb on prescription fraud

A crackdown on prescription fraud to save the NHS £100m a year was announced by the Government yesterday. Patients who evade the £5.60 prescription charge will be liable to a fixed penalty fine and a new criminal offence will be introduced for doctors. pharmacists or others who cheat the system. Alan Milburn, the Minister for Health, said the scale of the losses, revealed by a government efficiency scrutiny, was staggering – enough to pay for 14,500 heart bypass operations or 6,500 kidney transplants.

In a few cases doctors and pharmacists had invented non-

existent patients. In one case in Leeds a doctor and a pharmacist had made about £1m. Anti-counterfeiting devices are to be introduced into the printing of prescription forms and a reward scheme set up for pharmacies that detect stolen forms. Mr Milburn said: "This government is not prepared to tolerate this kind of law-breaking in the NHS ... Those who are currently defrauding the health service and the taxpayer should be under no illusion. We will find you and we will punish you." Jeremy Laurance Jeremy Laurance

Boy, 13, dies after taking Ecstasy

The death of a 13-year-old schoolboy yesterday four days after he was rushed to hospital in an Ecstasy scare has prompted fresh protests over tolerance of drug-taking. Andrew Woodlock was taken to hospital on Saturday with two other youngsters. He is believed to have taken a form of the rave drug Ecstasy. A 13-year-old boy, who cannot be named, and Steven MacParlane, 19, of Holytown, Lanarkshire - appeared in court at Hamilton on Tuesday. A 22-year-old man appeared in at Hamilton Sheriff Court yesterday charged in connection with the misuse of drugs.

Kray jury sent home for the night

The jury at Woolwich Crown Court in south-east London, trying Charlie Kray, 70, on cocaine charges was sent home for a second night. The court has been told that the older brother of former gangland twins Reggie and Ronnie masterminded a deal to provide five kilograms of the drug a fortnight for two years.

Godmother of 'EastEnders' dies



creator of EastEnders, has died. The BBC said that the woman known to the cast as "the godmother" died yesterday at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, after a sbort illness, she was in her

Alan Yentob, the BBC's lirector of television, said: "Julia's feel for drama, her drive and energy were legendary in her 30-year programme making career at the BBC. There can be no

more visible and enduring tribute to her distinguished track record in creating high quality, popular drama than BBC1's EastEnders." Jane Harris, the series producer, said: "EastEnders owes everything to Julia who, with Tony Holland, was the creator and founder of the programme."

Rail firm may target union dues

Management at the South-east rail network disrupted by an overtime ban yesterday threatened to take action against Aslef, the drivers' union. Connex South Central is expected to end the arrangement whereby union subscriptions are deducted from wages - thus depriving Aslef of substantial income. Connex will once more cancel 300 trains today.

Barrie Clement

Workers on track for cash windfall

About 1,200 workers at Fastline, a York-based railway track renewal company, stand to receive windfall payouts of around £3,000, it emerged yesterday. The company is being taken over by Jarvis, the railway services and construction company, and four senior managers will become instant millionaires as a

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COEUR DE LION: The British yachtsman Pete Goss receiving the Légion d'Honneur from the French president, Jacques Chirac, at the Elysée Palace yesterday for rescuing a French yachtsman Raphael Dinelli, from the Southern Ocean in December (Photograph: Reuters)

I made a mistake, says the carpetbagger king

ters millions of pounds, has taken it all back. A freelance butler, Mr Hardern cancelled his plans to force the Nationwide Building Society to convert into a bank. He had, he apologised, "made a mis-

To the thousands of carpetbaggers who, drunk on windfalls from other converting building societies, had ploughed money into the society, it was a big mistake. Mr Hardem and his group of rebels had promised that savers would get £1,000 apiece if he pulled off his plan to force the society to follow the Halifax in becoming

He and four others are still standing for election to the Nationwide board and the result of voting will be announced on 24 July.

As a result of their campaign, the society had stopped

conference for City journalists in central London. "I was wrong. I made a mistake," he said. The Nationwide becoming a bank "does not make sense at the mo-ment. People don't like banks, people hate banks; they loath and detest banks".

He outlined his vision for the society and said he would like to see it selling internet terminals and perhaps items such as coffee, cars and holidays.

He said the Nationwide's chief executive, Brian Davis, had "convinced me there is something in mutuality", but insisted that members would still receive £1,000

Responding to Mr Hardern's announcement, a Nationwide spokesman said: "If it is true, we are very leased to hear he supports our belief that our customers are better-off with us being a building society."

Clare Garner

Smith joins Labour's first estate



Baroness Smith, widow of the late Labour leader, opening a new street yesterday named after her husband.

Lady Smith unveiled John Smith Avenue on the Clem Attiee Estate in Fulham, west London, as part of celebrations to mark the completion of the first phase of a

redevelopment on the estate. She was joined by the widow of the former Labour mayor of Hammersmith, Len Freeman, who died in 1995 and has also had a street named in his memory.

Opened in 1957 by the leader of Labour's post-war government, the estate has been rebuilt in a £10m scheme by Notting Hill House Trust in partnership with

Frank Warren held by VAT man

Frank Warren's colourful rise from bookmaker's son to boxing pro-moter took another twist yesterday when he was arrested yesterday by Customs and Excise officers in-

vestigating alleged VAT evasion.

Mr Warren and another man were held during raids in Essex and Hertfordshire, Both men were being questioned as inquiries

Mr Warren's office refused to comment on his arrest but said a statement would be made later.

Since making his name as a boxing promoter, Mr Warren has branched out and now owns Bedford rugby union club. He has also been involved in publishing, television production, the leisure industry and property.

His biggest investment was the London Arena Stadium in the capital's Docklands. It has staged pop concerts as well as sporting events since its official opening in 1989.

Also in that year, Mr Warren, a father-of-four, was shot outside the Broadway Theatre in Barking, east London, one bullet missing his heart by an inch. Terry Marsh, the boxer, was acquitted of trying to murder his former manager.

briefing

INDUSTRY

Managers ignoring duty to protect staff from stress

Only one in eight managers are aware of official guidance on tackling stress in the workplace even though the problem is costing the economy fobn a year, a report claimed yesterday.

The TUC and the Transport and General Workers Union are urging the Government to make sure that employers act on their legal duties to protect workers from stress. The report said that a legally enforceable code of practice should be launched to make sure that firms met their

It highlighted a survey of T&G health and safety representatives responsibilities. which showed that stress was one of the main workplace hazards, usually caused by time pressures, too much work, under-staffing

and long working hours.

More than two-thirds of those questioned said their more than two-thirds of those questioned said then management had done nothing to reduce stress at work, while only one in eight employers were said to be aware of Health and Safety Commission guidance on tackling stress.

HEALTH

Asthma epidemic exaggerated

Fears that the industrialised world is facing an epidemic of asthma and wheezing may be based on maccurate information, doctors say. Researchers who reviewed 16 studies of asthma in children and young adults conducted in six different countries all of which showed an apparent increase in the condition found the increase could be due to greater awareness among parents, changes in doctors' diagnosis patterns and lower tolerance of mild respiratory symptoms.

The rescarchers, from the National Institute of Public Health in Oslo, Norway, say in the British Medical Journal that future surveys must be based on standardised questions and objective measurements. "Until such studies have been performed on more than one occasion in the same population we believe the evidence for an increasing trend ... is weak," they say.

CONSUMERS

One in five homes sell in a week

Almost one in five homes on the market are selling in less than a week. The shortage of homes for sale is now the most severe for two years, a survey by the Black Horse estate agency says.

The situation has not been helped by the fact that more than 60

per cent of buyers have nothing to sell, it found. The post-election "feel-good factor" was encouraging more and more people to enter the market, but many were adding to the difficulties by insisting on finding their new home before putting their own property up for

MARKETING

Price is right for the office lager

For the second year running, the only price that office workers are able to estimate accurately is the cost of a pint of lager, a survey

published today has revealed.

When it came to the cost of everyday business items like yellow sticky notes or computer discs, managers and staff tended to wildly overestimate, the Prices Perceptions study for BT showed. BT found that people know about the things that are important to them: the average guess of £1.73 for a pint was just 2p off the real average of £1.75. The object of its third such survey was to find out how aware people were of its latest cut in the price of national daytime calls, announced last month.

DAILY POEM

This is the Week

By John Mole

This is the week when you can hear a pin drop but mustn't pick it up, when all the facts stand to attention and you gaze in panic at their unfamiliar faces. This is the week when everyone seems to write faster than you do and asks for more paper, when the back of your friend's head is giving nothing away that is any use. This is the week of the surreptitious cough, the pen that runs out, the staggered dash to the toilet, the watched clock's nuthless handywork. This is the week of the swot's apotheosis, the rebel's hottoming-out, the cheat's come-uppance and the teachers' unreadable minds as their eyes meet yours. Then this is the term that is almost over except for the lists, the tall form order. the praise, the blume, the could do-better which nevertheless are of less account than a life to be lived and summer waiting

A prolific and distinguished poet, John Mole has also survived 34 exam seasons in the teaching profession. His Selected Poems are published by Sinclair-Stevenson and his latest children's book, Hot Air, by Hodder & Stoughton.

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Wimpey Homes and Harnmer-

Touring the estate yesterday,

Lady Smith said: "I'm very excited

which to live. The reason I agreed

to come along today was because

this project seems to be making a

real difference to people's lives."

Once a series of high-rise

blocks, the estate now sports a

mix of low-rise houses and flats.

of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, said:

"If people are happy and proud of

the community in which they live

they will take good care of it."

Neil Newton, managing director

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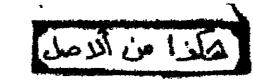
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...but they still

won a libel victory

over protesters

ter the ruling, Mr Morris, a former postman, and Ms Steel, a

former gardener, claimed that

they were the real victors. Ms

Steel said: "McDonald's

brought the case to stop the

campaign. The campaign is

the campaign group Friends of

the Earth and an expert defence

witness at the trial, praised the

couple's persistence in "stand-

ing up to what we view as a bul-

ment, Mr Morris, Ms Steel and

members of the McLibel Sup-

port Campaign began handing

out leaflets to crowds gathered

outside the law courts in London. Within a couple of hours

details of the ruling appeared

on the McSpotlight Internet

site, which has already been ac-

cessed more than 13 million

times. The judge has made no

order for costs, which are esti-

mated to have reached £10m.

chief executive officer of Mc-

Donald's Restaurants, said:

"We are, as you can imagine, broadly satisfied with the judg-

ment. There are aspects of the

judgment which we will have to

review and we will do so when

we have been able to study the

than two hours to read out a 45-

page summary of his three-vol-

ume judgment to a packed

court. He said that the factsheet

accused McDonald's of being

Mr Justice Bell took more

full ruling in detail."

Paul Preston, chairman and

ly boy multi-national". Immediately after the judg-

Charles Secrett, director of

Patricia Wynn Davies Legal Affairs Editor

The mighty McDonald's Cor-

poration has emerged with only

libel battle against green cam-

paigners Dave Morris and

Closing the longest trial in

English legal history, Mr Justice

Bell awarded the fast-food gi-

ant £60,000 damages after rul-

ing that the company had been

libelled by many of the allega-

tions in the now notorious

"What's Wrong With McDonald's" factsheet first published

by London Greenpeace in the

But the corporation was

equally viewed as having se-

cured a hollow victory and to

have made, in hindsight, a mis-

calculation in bringing the case

31, who had to conduct their

case themselves, succeeded in

showing that the leaflet was true

when it accused McDonald's of

paying low wages, being re-sponsible for cruelty to some

animals and exploiting chil-

the so-called "McLibel Two"

cannot afford to pay the dam-

ages awarded, even if they were

willing to do so, the counter-

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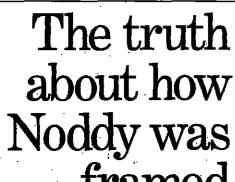
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dren in its advertising.

Mr Morris, 43, and Ms Steel,

late Eighties.

partial victory from its epic



framed

After almost 20 years, a case of wrongful conviction has been exposed in a prize-winning essay by a 14-year-old New Zealander. The Toytown One. also known as Noddy, has been found innocent of all the charges of political incorrectness on which he was convicted in the The new evidence, entitled Was Noddy Framed, is based

William Hartston

On a statistical analysis by Tom Hallet-Hook of all 23 of Enid Blyton's Noddy books. His conclusions, which won

him a mathematics competition in Auckland, reveal that contrary to general belief very little crime in Toytown was committed by the golliwogs; Tessie Bear, often portrayed by feminists as a poor role model, is assertive and full of initiative; and the milkman, often criticised for Noddy-abuse, in fact hit him on the head only three

Toytown political incorrectness were made in the 1960s, Noddy and his friends, in print and on television, have undergone several changes.

allowed to feel "queer". Even PC Plod was not PC enough, and had to stop being

its schools on a stage produc-tion of the stories in 1993. When negotiations began two years ago to screen a television version of the Noddy stories in America, Big Ears ran into problems. The network showing the programmes "could not be seen to sustain

Since the first accusations of

First the golliwogs were changed into goblins, then all references were exorcised to Noddy and Big Ears snuggling up in the same bed, while Noddy himself was no longer

so aggressive. Yet, even without the golliwogs, Hampshire County Council deemed Noddy to be "too sensitive" an issue to send out information to

discrimination" against people



practices and corporate philos- responsible for starvation in soning lying when it claimed to on the evidence that the corhy might cease. the Third World; destroying use recycled paper; exploiting Speaking to rapturous apvast areas of central American children with its advertising

> with large ears. So they called Sales of the Noddy books

appear unaffected by all the controversy. Last year, Trocadero plc, paid £13m for the remaining 43 years of copyright to the works of Enid Blyton, who died in 1988 Her books. who died in 1968. Her books continue to sell more than 8 million copies a year; Noddy alone has accounted for more than 100 million sales since his first appearance in 1949. Now his readers can relax in

the knowledge that all charges against him are unjustified. Only 6 per cent of all the naughtiness in the Noddy books is committed by golliwogs and all allegations of a sado-masochistic relationship between the Milkman and Noddy is unfounded.

"Also," Tom Hallet-Hook explains, "Noddy's head was made out of wood and they explained that it didn't hurt." Big Ears was not available for



won £60,000 in libel damages in the longest case in English legal history, but some call the win a hollow victory



What a judge said about McDonald's:

They take advantage of animals,

children and their workforce

On a roll: The McLibel Two outside court yesterday

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of McDonald's promotional material that the food had a positive nutritional benefit "did not match" the reality of a

ated fat and salt. their parents into going to Mc-counterclaimed for libel against But he upheld Mr Morris and Donald's. Mr Morris and Ms McDonald's, who issued leaflets rated fat and salt.

McDonald's could have spent the £10m it spent on the trial on other things ... ■5,524,862 Big Macs in the UK (18,181,818 in the US).

20,408,163 Cokes.

Burger firm wins, but at huge cost

An extra 1,496 staff, on £3.05 an hour, could have been employed for the entire period of the trial.

■ Nearly £4000 extra on each of the 2504 new McDonald's (three an hour) which have sprung up around the world during the 313 days of the trial.

product that was high in satu-

Ms Steel's claim that the company's advertising and market-ing exploited children by using them, as more susceptible subjects of advertising, to pressurise

Steel had also proved that Mc-Donald's was "culpably responsible" for the cruel practices of restricting the movement of laying hens, broiler chickens and some pigs and of slitting the throats of some chickens while they were still fully conscious.

On employment practices, the judge said McDonald's Restaurants Ltd (UK), the second plaintiff and the corporation's British operator, paid its workers low wages "thereby helping to depress wages for workers in the catering trade", as the leaflet had alleged. But an allegation that the company was only interested in cheap labour was untrue, as was the suggestion that it exploited disadvantaged groups, particular-

ly women and black people. Mr Morris and Ms Steel had counterclaimed for libel against

and press releases attacking

the two defendants in the runup to the beginning of the trial in 1994. The judge ruled that the McDonald's documents were defamatory because they wrongly claimed Morris and Steel published the factsheet knowing it to be untrue. Mc-Donald's, however, had a defence of qualified privilege.

Legal controversy is set to continue. Mr Morris and Ms Steel now plan to sue former McDonald's inquiry agents who infiltrated London Greenpeace (no relation to the worldwide Greenpeace environmental organisation) and to take the corporation to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg over what Mr Morris said was Britain's "oppressive" libel system which had denied them legal aid and a jury during the 314-day trial

Trade in ivory can start again as ban on tusk exports is lifted

Nicholas Schoon

A legal, international trade in elephant ivory can start again, after nations voted yesterday to relax a seven-year total ban on tusk exports. In just under two years, Zimbabwe. Botswana and Namib-

ia can start selling 59 tonnes of ivory from their stockpiles to Japan, provided both exporters and importers prove they have the means to monitor and control this "closed loop" trade. Some pressure groups, in-cluding the RSPCA, condemned the vote at the CITES treaty conference on trade, in

endangered species in Harare, Zimbabwe. They said it was bound to lead to an increase in poaching, which led to the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of African elephants in the last two decades. But the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the world's leading wildlife conservation group, welcomed the fact that there were stringent conditions to be fulfilled before trade

them set up controls and mon-

restarted. It also announced a

grant of £43,500 to the three

would-be exporters, to help



safeguards are in place. If they are, this decision could work in favour of wildlife conservation." said a WWF spokeswoman. The 76 in favour, 21 against

vote, in which Britain and the rest of the European Union abstained, is a huge breakthrough for those nations and businesses in favour of exploiting wildlife as if it were any other natural resource. They say the important issue is that it should be done sus-

tainably. Zimbabwe, Namibia and Boiswana argued that they had healthy and growing elephant populations which needed to be kept in check. They want to spend the money from selling ivory from elephants which were culled or died of natural causes on wildlife conservation, and to

phant areas. But an expert panel set up in advance of the CITES treaty

benefit communities living in ele-

meeting found shortcomings in the way the three kept tabs on its ivery stockpile and

Intitial proposals by the three countries to allow them to sell ivory to Japan were rejected in Harare earlier this week. But a

stopped illegal smuggling. The panel also felt Japan could not

guarantee that its ivory im-

ports were received by licensed

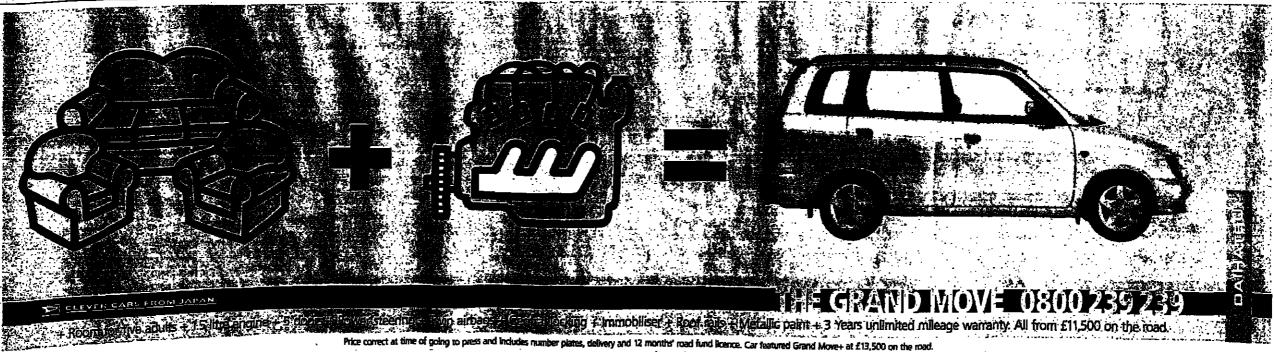
traders and ivory workers.

elephant tusk as part of a programme to raise public wareness about the ivory

Photograph: Tom Pilston

proposed further restrictions. No trade would be allowed if the CITES executive committee was not satisfied with the control and monitoring measures drawn up by the four countries. And it would also be banned again if poaching flared up once more. It was this proposal which was voted for, in a secret ballot, with Zimbabwean officials leading African delegates in singing and dancing. Dr Arthur Lindley, the RSP-CA's head of wildlife who was at the treaty meeting, said: "I think poachers will see this as a green light. They're not going to read through a four-page CITES resolution to learn about restrictions and conditions." The ivory decision came a day

after delegates imposed controls on trade in the over-fished, endangered sturgeon and its caviar. But they voted to reject a South African proposal to reopen a legal international trade in rhinoceros products, includ-



Political spectres point the way

ust before Archie Hamilton, the chairman of the 1922 Committee, announced the result of the final ballot for the Tory leadership, odd apparitions – the ghosts of the recently defeated – mingled with live Tory MPs in the stuffy committee corridor. Allowed furloughs from Hades, Hugh Dykes RIP, the late Olga Maitland, the departed Nirj Deva and Jacques Arnold (who buzzes now in a darker place), shook hands with the living. These wraiths – half ectoplasm, half Chateauneuf du Pape – wafted about like walking epitaphs, "as I am – so shall ye

And for once, they were heeded. Their quick colleagues finally did what they always had to do, and elected Billy the Kid. In so doing they opted for an unknown future, rather than an all too familiar past. In the public crannies of the House various spotty, pin-striped Tarquins with slicked back hair, cheered heartily as the result was made

slicked back hair, cheered heartily as the result was made public. Their party can now move forward, even if they haven't the faintest idea where to.

The manner of the victory, achieved in such a messy and silly fashion, will soon targely be forgotten. The lingering memory will be of the bizarre Clarke-Redwood ticket, which had all the appeal that a Hattersley-Livingstone alliance to defeat Kinnock would have had back in 1983. The idea of taking together "big-hitters", whose main predilection would have been for hitting each other, was like something from a Michael Dobbs novel. Next thing we know Tory MPs will be having it off on the Speaker's Chair during recess.

But we can now expect that every time the infant

But we can now expect that every time the infant Hague slips up (and he will. After all, would you care to fashion a shadow cabinet out of that lot?), someone will say that things would have been better under Clarke. And certainly the lunches would have been more fun, the exchanges at Prime Minister's Questions more humourous.

Clarke's essential unseriousness, however, was quickly demonstrated by his refusal to serve under Hague. Just as he couldn't be bothered to argue for the essential modernisation of his party over the last five years, so he cannot be fagged to contribute to the process now. How he would have coped with the phenomenal self-discipline and determination of our present Prime Minister is not at

That is Billy's role now. And Mr Hague's political talents should not be under-estimated – as babies go, he is a very clever one. There may have been complaints about his various tergiversations in the last week, but this leadership election was not one in which any candidate

was ever going to emerge looking good.
But what will he do? Or, rather, what is he – and his party – for? What is their "project"? For opposition, as Mr Blair will tell him, is not enough. Nor is a vague (if powerful) desire to get back into power. Nor, even, is the retention of a clever ad agency, or the employment of a subtle communications director.

Let us take it for granted that Hague - as a modern man - understands the need to democratise his party, and to reinvigorate it. But it needs a purpose.

The danger of triumphant new Labour is always that -

despite its rhetoric - it will be too bossy; that it will ban too much, not devolve sufficiently, sacrifice the individual too often. This leaves room for a new Opposition, but one which turns its back on the old right, on the old authoritarianism, on the ancient intolerances - and which stands for small government, the awkward individual and

Or there's always the Liberal Democrats.



Clarke's fatal false move

Colin Brown Chief Political Correspondent

The pact between Kenneth Clarke and John Redwood last night proved fatally flawed, as Mr Redwood's supporters refused to follow him and switched their votes to William Hague.

The Hague campaign had targeted the Redwood supporters' doubts in the final hours before the voting began. Mr Hague sent a personal message to selected Tory MPs with cuttings from the morning newspapers, condemning the pact as a "marriage made in hell".

Clarke supporters claimed

the move would backfire, but it some former Redwood suptouched a raw nerve with Mr Redwood's Euro-sceptic supporters who had spent an ago-nising 24 hours since the alliance was announced deciding whether to vote for a Europhile, or desert Mr Redwood. In the end they refused to vote for Mr Clarke.

Michael Portillo yesterday joined Baroness Thatcher and Norman Lamont in the last push behind Mr Hague's cam-paign to stop Mr Clarke winning the leadership.

Both sides went all out for Mr ond ballot, but the refusal of ster on the eve-of-poll in the

porters to declare how they voted kept both sides guessing about the result until it was announced in Committee Room 10. Mr Portillo, regarded by

many as the "leader-in-waiting" until losing his seat at the general election, telephoned the Redwood supporters before they voted to urge them to back Mr Hague. Lady Thatcher and the for-

mer chancellor, Mr Lamont, also joined in the last-minute telephone canvassing for the Both sides went all out for Mr Redwood's 38 votes from the sec-had lobbied MPs at Westmin-

Commons tea room and the members' library. One of her admirers who voted for Mr Clarke said: "I had a message to ring her this morning. I did so, but she was out - and that

was a great relief. I was not look-

ing forward to a lecture." The Clarke camp met early yesterday at their campaign headquarters in Abbey Orchard Street to plan the final hours, and to come up with an answer to Mr Hague's attack that the Clarke-Redwood alliance was "a deal not a solution", which proved their undoing. They decided to

reassure MPs by comparing their pact to the successful right-

leader Tony Blair and his deputy, John Prescott. Mr Clarke went on BBC Ra-

dio 4's Today programme yes-terday to claim that an alliance of opposites had helped Labour regain power, and the line was soon being pushed by Mr Clarke's supporters in the members' tea room. Mr Redwood's supporters

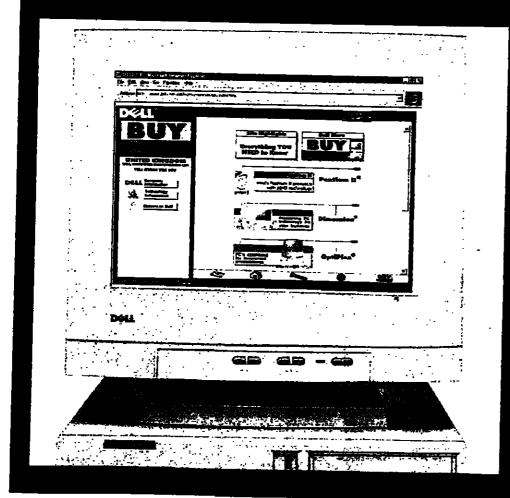
were deeply unhappy about his pact with Mr Clarke. Iain Duncan-Smith, one of Mr Redwood's closest allies, was among those torn over which way to vote, according to his friends. The Clarke camp used the re-

left alliance between the Labour sults of the ballot of Tory constituency chairmen to try to emphasise that Mr Clarke had wider appeal in the country than Mr Hague. Mr Clarke won that ballot by 277 votes to 206.

As the Hague and Clarke campaign managers ticked off lists of promised votes, it was said that five had slipped away to Mr Hague because of "the bad chemistry" of the Clarke-Redwood marriage, while two second-ballot Hague voters went over to Clarke.

When the result was an-nounced another thing became clear - many MPs had lied about their intentions.

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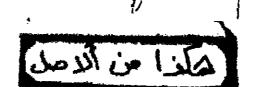


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Problems ahead in binding party wounds

Anthony Bevins Political Editor

Before William Hague's runaway leadership result had been announced yesterday, it had been easy to find the voices of doom among

Tory MPs in the Commons. Those saying that whoever won would not last more than 18 months, before facing yet another leadership challenge, were not difficult to find.

But there were also significant numbers who believed that the bitterness of this mouth's leadership contest ran so deep that it would be impossible to bind the party's wounds, and that the party could yet break open.

That point was quickly picked up by Paddy Ashdown last night, with an appeal to disaffected moderates to come and find a "welcome home" with the Liberal Democrats.

Last week's Independent report of a "staged separation" of Conservative moderates, eventually resigning the party the whip and the party, is even more firmly on the cards following yesterday's repudiation of Mr Clarke, their torch-bearer.

On the right, the "betrayals" - of Michael Howard and Peter Lilley ditching their right-wing colleague John Redwood after the first ballot. and of Mr Redwood making his "marriage from hell" with Kenneth Clarke on Wednesday - were too much for some to forget or forgive.

The outrage that has been pro-

voked in different camps was capped by Hague supporters, who said yesterday that they had been phoned by Mr Redwood on Sunday, two days before the second ballot, seeking to persuade them to switch temporarily to vote for him in order to block Clarke.

One MP who had considered that option said yesterday that he cumbent leader.

could not believe his ears when he had been told that Redwood was then thinking of forging an alliance on Tuesday night with a man whom he had attempted to kill on Sunday.

Mr Redwood's conduct was described by one MP as "duplicitous"; another suggested that it amounted to stag-night infidelity, just 48 hours before the wedding.

The conclusion of the hard-right MPs who had backed Redwood before switching yesterday to the victorious Hague, was that Redwood who had stood on a platform of honesty, integrity and decency - was now a "busted flush". He had sold his soul to the highest bidder, and lost.

Phrases like, "Time to heal", "We've got to make it work", "There will be no spoilers now; we have to unite" were commonplace in the Commons last night. Deals, it was said, now had to be cut to bring people and the party together.

But some old hands had heard it all before, time and time again in a party that has so often appeared to be unleadable. The problem faced by Mr Hague is that both Clarke and Redwood have used such strong words about the new leader - as Labour was quick to point out in a detailed, quote-packed dossier on things that had been said about him - that it would be impossible for them to serve under such a man, unless Mr Redwood again eats his words.

But those hoping for the chance to reopen the leadership question in 1999, perhaps with Michael Portillo or Chris Patten running against each other, could yet be thwarted by the impending change of leadership election rules. It is just possible that the new leader might act to protect his own back, by making it much more difficult to challenge an in-



Feet under the table: The shiny leather shoes of William Hague, victor, and the famous suede-shod feet of his defeated rival, Kenneth Clarke Photograph: Brian Harri

Voices of a party divided

"Don't touch Ken. Remember his record" -Baroness Thatcher, 18

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"I find it absolutely bizarre ... They will hand the party to the left" -John Townend. chairman of the Rightwing 92 Group, leaving Redwood and Clarke's press conference, and Mr Hague. 18 June

"The Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact."-

"We mustn't be bullied by the right wing into ruling the single currency out" -Clarke. 15 June

The Hague camp on the Redwood-Clarke

"If we choose a leader who isn't clear on this issue, the war will go on" -Redwood, 15 June

"I'm incandescent" --Lady Thatcher on the pact, 18 June

"William Hague doesn't have any clear view about anything*

Teresa Gorman, 17

.an incredible alliance of opposites which can only lead to further grief"

Lady Thatcher. 18 June

One of the most contemptible and discreditable actions by a British politician"

Sir Peter Tapsell MP on Redwood's deal

.Breathtaking cynicism, this is an alliance built on sand and cannot last." - Norman

"With William, it is just more fudge and dither... John Major Mark 2 .. The worst of all Redwoodites, 17 June

A choice between "a nerd in short trousers and a Heathite rustbucket" -

One Tory Right-winger on his dilemma before the third round. 18 June

stand the test of time, it is a marriage made in Stephen Norris. 18

"He must be crazy hecause it will min his personal life. I never wanted him to go into politics. He could have had such a comfortable

life eaming a tremendou amount of money." – Stella Hague on her son. 14 June

"He has quite a lot of support from a particular wing of the party, but we need a leader that will speak for the instincts of the whole party. No messing around any more." Redwood on Clarke. 1st June

"No conviction, no passion, no guts and no brains. A Mandelsonian hollowness" -One of Mr Redwood's leading supporters on William Hague. 3 June

John would split the party." -Lilley ally. 3 June

Major's constantly shifting fudge" -Hague, 28 May

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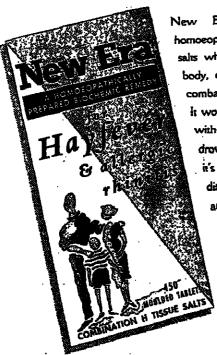


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New evidence halts Aitken libel trial

Kim Sengupta

The Jonathan Aitken libel trial halted dramatically yesterday after new evidence surfaced about the former minister's controversial stay at the Ritz hotel in Paris.

Neither Mr Aitken nor his wife Lolicia were in court to hear Mr Justice Popplewell ad-

journ the case until this morning at the request of Mr Aitken's counsel, Charles Gray

The former Chief Secretary to QC. It was the first time they had failed to turn up during the

12 day hearing. Mr Gray stated that the time would be needed to examine a witness statement presented in court from a British Airways investigator by George Carman

The former Chief Secretary to the Treasury and defence procurement minister is suing the newspaper and the television company, makers of the World in Action programme, over claims that he was financially dependant on powerful Saudi interests, and that he pimped for Arabs.

Harris, is believed to have provided details of travel arrangements for Mrs Aitken and the couples' daughter Victoria during the crucial period when Mr Aitken stayed at the Ritz in Sep-

tember 1993. Mr Aitken has been accused of letting his hotel bill be paid by Prince Mohammed, son of

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Giving evidence on oath at the High Court last week, Mr Aitken had insisted that the bill had been paid by Mrs Aitken who had travelled from Switzerland to Paris. He had given the

Robin Butler, and MPs in the House of Commons.

Mr Aitken resigned from the Cabinet in April 1995 to pursue his libel action, staking his reputation and his career on refuting the allegation. He stated publicly: "If it falls to me to start

bent and twisted journalism in our country with the simple sword of truth and the trusty

shield of British fair play, so be it. I am ready for the fight.... Yesterday Mrs Aitken, her mother, and Victoria were expected to give evidence under oath. Mr Carman told the judge that he wanted to re-examine

Mr Aitken about his account of

the Paris visit today.

During the libel action Mr Carman had said Mr Aitken's version of the payment of the hotel bill was a " web of lies". He listed 13 points which, he claimed, destroyed the former minister's explanation. Mr Aitken denies this.

Midwife with the personal touch is best

Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

Women cared by midwives on a one-to-one basis need fewer epidurals or other pain relief during childbirth, according to a new survey.

The report looked at 1,400 women, half cared for by traditional midwives and half cared by midwives in the Oneto-One project. In the National Health Service a woman can have up to 40 different people caring for her during her pregnancy and is unlikely to have her baby delivered by a midwife. Three out of four babies are delivered by a stranger.

In the One-to-One study, which has been running for three years, the woman has a named midwife and one back-up so she will give birth in the presence of someone she knows well. Being community based, the midwife carries out more of the ante- and post-natal care in the mother's home. The scheme has been pioneered by Lesley Page, the Queen Charlotte's Professor of Midwifery Practice at the Wolfson School of Health Science.

In the One-to-One group, 52 per cent of women had an epidural compared with 67 per cent in the traditional group - a



fessor Page said. Half as many got through childbirth without any recourse to pain relief in the traditional group as in the One to Ones. And fewer than one in five One to Ones had an episiotomy compared with 30 per cent cared for traditionally.

Both midwives and mothers very significant finding", Pro- said that it was easier to work to need continuous electro-

also said they benefited from a higher level of care in terms of the information and advice they received and in the amount of emotional support. They were also twice as likely to receive constant attendance during labour and were less likely

as a partnership and mothers nic monitoring during the birth. "Women want to have their haby delivered by a midwife whom they have grown to know and trust," Professor Page said. "It's of huge psychological ben-efit which, in the majority of cases, makes for an easier birth ... In practical terms what's real-

ly important is that on the ba-

not cost the NHS any more than the traditional style of midwifery practice.*

At present One to One operates at Hammersmith, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea hospitals in London and centres in Leicester and Shrewsbury. A spokeswoman for the Royhave always known that one-to-

sis of our study this service does al College of Midwives said that they welcomed the report. "We one support is beneficial. We have just one proviso. Zero cost implications may well be the case when the service is up and running, but for a major service change ... money is needed to equip the midwives."

Middle-class women issuing more complaints

Barrie Clement Labour Editor

Compensation to victims of sex discrimination has increased three-fold in 12 months with a growing number of middleclass women taking their em-

ployers to court. A decision by the European Court of Justice to abolish the £11,000 limit on awards at industrial tribunals has resulted in a considerable increase in cases taken by female managers up to director level, the Equal Opportunities Commission says.
Out-of-court settlements and

awards by tribunals averaged £18,732 in 1996 compared with £6,481 the previous year.

Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the commission, said that women in professional jobs had clearly decided that the former limit of £11,000, which had often resulted in compensation in the £2,000 to £3,000 range, made the exercise pointless.

The increasing readiness of managers to bring cases to the commission gave equal oppornunities a much higher profile. "Employers are increasingly recognising that discrimination

can cost money," Ms Bahl said. In a recent case, Christine Es-plin, a £42,500-a-year personnel director, received a record £140,000 settlement after complaining that a male colleague on the board with similar responsibilities for merchandise was paid more than her.

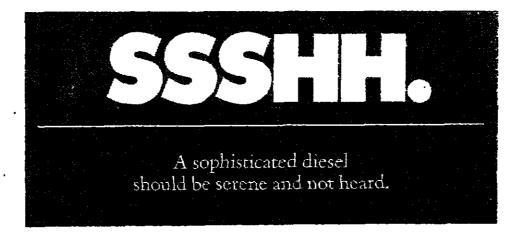
Introducing the commission's annual report, Ms Bahl said that more companies were bringing equal opportunities issues to the commission rather waiting for court action. Organisations were increasingly keen to avoid the bad publicity, she said. Tribunals were more liable to

ask organisations to justify working arrangements which tended to discriminate against women as flexible employment agreements increased.

The EOC chairwoman said legislation was in urgent need of revision, and she believed the present government might be more "amenable" to change than the previous administration. The law was a "mess", she said, and cases had taken more than a decade to work their way through the judicial system. Because of years of delay, it will now cost the National Health Service £30m to "equalise" the pay of speech therapists with pharmacists and clinical psychologists. Existing legislation placed a big burden on taxpayers.

Men were far more likely to complain about "women-only" services such as single-sex swimming sessions, car rescue services and parking spaces. The number of complaints from males last year was 470, more than in the previous five years. It is thought many of the issues were taken up by the UK Men's Movement, which says the commission's activities are biased to-

wards the rights of women.



Drivers may have to pay to enter West End

Transport Correspondent

Radical plans to introduce tolls on some of London's busiest roads, tax workplace parking spaces and create car-free streets, have been drawn up by the borough of Camden.

The blueprint, which would affect routes from the West End and the City to the north, will

tions with other authorities.

soon be sent to the Government for approval. If the scheme gets a green light, planners will considered by councillors to for approval. If the scheme certain areas is also being for approval. If the scheme gets a green light, planners will fiesh out the proposals with detailed plans. The borough's transport planners could they say, revice the London Boroughs Transport Scheme which produced the capital's lorvy ban—and coefficients its acve to the nearest supermarket.

tackle the dangers of a fume-filled borough, we are now the centre may just clog up oth-er streets. There could be an proposing a new sustainable transport strategy".

Planners are also considering clearing Camden High Street of cars. The area is home to the fashionable market which is considered a major tourist at-The council points out that traction. However, the council's risks," said Deborah Sacks, traffic in the borough grows at own computer model shows

effect on traffic all the way up to St Albans in Hertfordshire," said Ian Plowright, a transport planner for Camden. "It is something we are very, very

mindful about, "We are well aware of the vice-chair of the council's en-

restrictions on parking numbers, a major employer, Direct Line, threatened to decamp to

Peterborough." However, one easy method for planners to help companies understand the cost of car parking is to specify the amount of tax paid for each space. In a submission to the Department of

paid £550 in Birmingham to park each car a year compared

with £150 in Norwich. The borough, through which more than 500,000 cars drive every day, is proposing the measures to ease congestion and reduce pollution levels in the morning and evening rush hours. In 1995, levels of particulates,

deadly tiny specks of dust, in: Camden exceeded government health standards on 46 days.

Motoring organisations said there would be major problems in introducing the plan. "If you introduce charges in one area, you will find businesses and residents moving to another," said Edmund King, a spokesman for the RAC. "These proposals only work on a London-wide basis."

Review casts doubt on future of £1.5bn road schemes

Randeep Ramesh

The future of road schemes doubt yesterday as the Government announced a major re-

strategy.

Described as a "far-reaching and broadly based strategic roads review," the exercise will seek to incorporate Labour's desire for an integrated transport.

In the Covernment's desire to make motorists switch to buses, trains, bicycles and other forms of transport.

Only two weeks ago, John Prescott, the Deputy Prime of the way by arriving and should report its policy and should report its - riving at a environmental confindings to coincide with the transport White Paper next

spring.
Ministers will start an "accelerated review on 12 important schemes including the controversial Salisbury bypass in Wiltshire and the 27-mile Birmingham Relief Road - both of which cross sites of special scientific interest.

Gavin Strang, the transport minister, told MPs in a Com- amount of money from the mons reply that the aim was to find out which roads should be-

integrated transport policy, tak-ing account of the environmental impact and other forms worth £1.5bn was thrown into of transport which may be-

Dr Strang's announcement is view of its road building in line with the Government's

ference in London on the Tube instead of his ministerial Daim-

journalists there was a limit to the amount of taxpayers' mon-ey that could be found for new roads. He said ministers were looking at the possibility of a "dedicated income stream" for public transport.

"We only have a certain public. There is a major strategic decision to be made and we

come available.

The minister, however, told

come part of the Government's are considering road pricing and

ulated before the election that the £6bn roads programme could be raided to fund innovative public transport schemes. But the timing of this review

celerated review schemes could be decided within a month, but Mr Strang warned that some complex projects

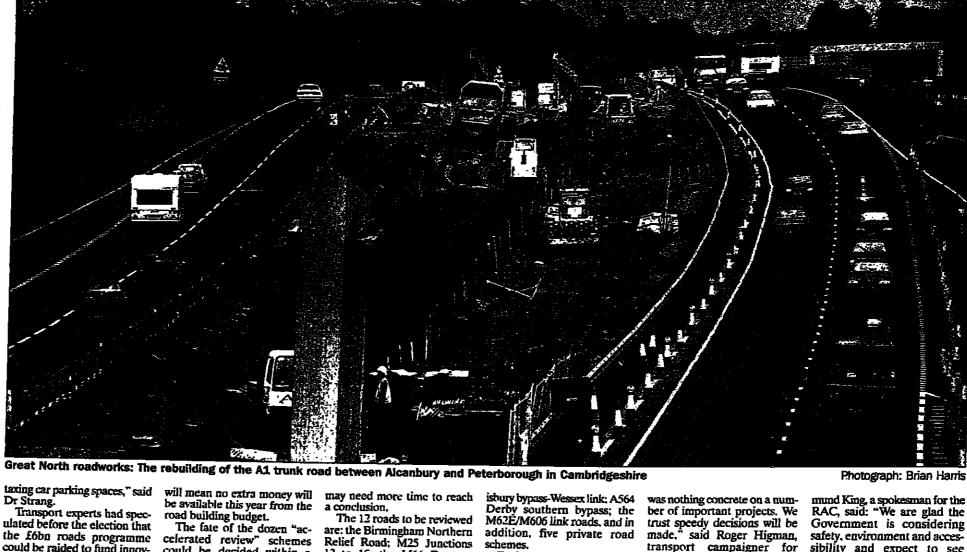
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Environmentalists were "disappointed" by the Government's announcement. "There ever, welcomed the report. Ed-

transport campaigner for Friends of the Earth.

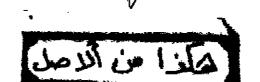
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mund King, a spokesman for the RAC, said: "We are glad the Government is considering safety, environment and accessibility and expect to see environmentally-friendly improvements to the nation's

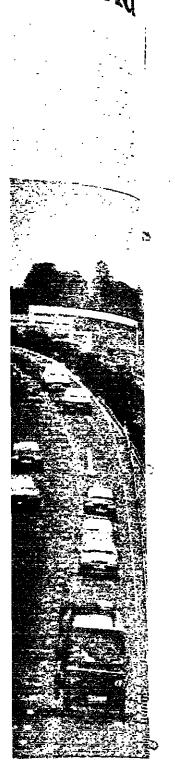


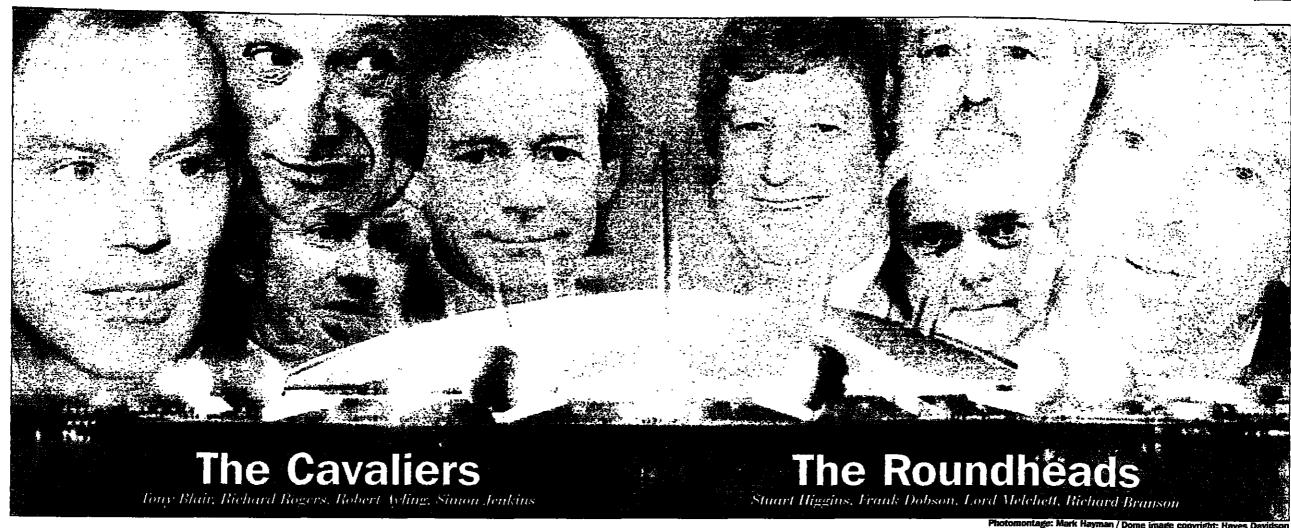






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Blair stops the dithering over the dome

Christian Wolmar

The latest reprieve of the Millennium Exhibition is a triumph of Tony Blair's heart over his brain and it is such a high-risk gamble that he may come to regret allowing the wrong organ to determine government policy.

Until yesterday, everything pointed to a sensible retreat by the new Labour government. The Greenwich project, in south-east London, was in a mess with very little worked out in detail except the dome, which had mysteriously changed shape when it was relaunched by Lord Rogers and his team last week. Labour had expressed concern about the lack of substance in the ideas for the contents of the dome and wanted a more educational and spiritual content.

Indeed, support for the pro-

ry on or not. That proved to be misleading. The review carried out in the

ject had begun to wither away tal and could have led to canand very few companies had cellation. Moreover, earlier this come forward as definite funders. week it was revealed that Eng-The Sun newspaper splashed with "Dump the Dome". Imaglish Partnerships, the quango which owns the Greenwich site, ination, the designers, had been "stood down". And worst of all. was keen to have it cleared after the exhibition, which meant nothing much had happened since the last crisis in January the dome would be temporary.

Given this plethora of probwhich had resulted in a fudge be-tween Conservative and Labour. lems and with time running short - the scheme is supposed There was an agreement that the to be finished by September 1999 - Labour could have incoming government would be able to review the project, but in pulled out gracefully. blaming it all on their predecessors. It an effort not to deter private-secwould have wasted around £25m but it would have left a tor investors, that was only supposed to cover the details, not whether the project should carclean site for regeneration.

There would have been justification. The Tories had dithered since the project was past month by four consultants conceived. First, when Stephen on aspects of the scheme such Dorrell was Secretary of State for National Heritage in May as transport, construction and 1995, he said it was to be entirely visitor numbers was fundamenJune 1994: Proposals by Peter Brooks, Secretary of State for National Heritage, for national exhibition to mark the end of the century.

October 95: Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Richard Branson interested in hosting celebrations in Greenwich.

February 96: Greenwich wins the right to host the celebration; £200m of lottery money earmarked for the project.

er Sir Peter Leaven understood to raise £150m from private sector.

November 96: English Partnerships says £20m will buy 294-acre site from British Gas. British Gas to clean up the derelict land for £15m. December 96: Prince Charles and the Archbishop of Canterbury join forces

June 97: Treasury chiefs urge Prime Minister to scrap the projects. Prime

private, costing around £100m and expected to attract 50 million visitors - rather different from the present 10-12 million.

Minister remains in favour of the dome.

to tender and allocated to Greenwich, rather than to Birmingham. Butthe rather unexciting Birmingham scheme had much of the sponsorship money Then the project was put out

lined up whereas Greenwich had no such support. So, in late 1996, the Tory government announced that it was going back on its ideological instincts and renationalising the project, creating Millennium Central to run it. Even then, the difficulties did

not end. In December, the chief executive of Millennium Central,

Barry Hartop, left hastily and was replaced by Jenny Page, the then chief executive of the Millennium Commission. When Labour inherited this muddle, ministers were aghast.

While Tony Blair's enthusiasm was echoed by Nick Raynsford. the MP for Greenwich and minister for London, other senior ministers, seeing the business plan for the first time, wanted the project to be dropped. Frank Dobson, Secretary of State for my political life. This wouldn't have got past a local parish council finance committee."

Labour backbenchers also began to express opposition openly. A motion saying the scheme should be scrapped was supported by 26 MPs and a further 19 wanted it moved back to the cheaper Birmingham site.

Despite this opposition. Mr Blair ploughed on. He wanted something that would excite his 13-year-old, Euan, and would leave a lasting legacy. Strongly influenced by his friend, Lord Rogers, the architect, and Bob Ayling, the British Airways chief executive who now moves in Labour circles and who has been rounding up Health, reckoned it was "the business support, he desperately

wanted to retain the project. Greenwich is, therefore, to be the Prime Minister's pet project. And although its future is still is subject to the five criteria set out in yesterday's announcement, it is almost inconceivable

that it will be scrapped.

The figures look frightening. The total budget is £850m, of which £450m will come from the lottery. About 30,000 visitors a day, paying £20 each, will be needed throughout the 15 months of the exhibition to make it viable. One of the new criteria is that no extra public money will be needed.

But business is not going to pay the extra and therefore the Government would have to cough up. It is a high-risk strategy that could give Labour a big boost in mid-term or could be

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Sixteen years jail for the £100m drugs baron the police called Target One

A Briton accused of running one of the biggest drugs cartels in Europe was jailed for 12 years in the Netherlands yesterday.

Curtis Warren, called the Teflon Gangster due to his ability to avoid serious conviction. was found guilty of orchestrating a plot to flood Britain with £100m worth of cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and hashish.

The conviction was welcomed by British investigators, who had worked closely with Dutch authorities on Operation Crayfish, which led to the arrest of Warren, 34, from Liverpool, and five accomplices.

However, the judge at The Hague central criminal court, Judge Solco Holtrop, said he did not believe Warren was one of the "heaviest" criminals in the drugs racket, and reduced the 16-year jail term requested by the prosecution.

The trial had been fraught with problems. At one stage there was concern the whole system of cross-border co-operation between law enforcement agencies could be in jeopardy. The defence had successfully argued for an adjournment after objecting to the use of British undercover evidence. But the point was eventually rejected by Judge Solco Holtrop

On another occasion the hearing was moved to a secret location following intelligence reports of an alleged plot to "spring" the defendants.

Warren's two main accomplices, Stephen Mee, 38, from Liverpool, and 34-year-old Stephen Whitehead, from Oldham, were jailed for seven years each. Mee is facing a 22-year jail term imposed at Manchester Crown Court in absentia for his

part in a £1m drugs raid.
John Farrell, 34, from Manchester, was sentenced to 12 months, but will be released in two days because of time spent in custody awaiting trial. Three others. 28-year-old Roy Nolan, William Fitzgerald, 55, and William Riley, 47, all from Liverpool, have already been jailed for three years each.



Case made to stick: Curtis Warren had been nicknamed the Teffon Gangster for his ability to avoid serious conviction

British detectives said it had taken a long time for justice to catch up with Warren. in spite of him being codenamed Target One by Interpol.

He and a partner, a 37-yearold career criminal from Middlesbrough, Brian Charrington,

were the defendants when an investigation into an alleged £250m drugs deal collapsed four years ago.

Subsequent investigations revealed that two Tory ministers. Attorney General Sir Nicholas Lyell and Sir John Cope, min- to set up a deal with the Cali

ister responsible for Customs, had intervened to have charges dropped against Charrington, leaving the avenue open for Warren's subsequent acquittal. Warren and Charrington had

Cartel to import 900kg of cocaine concealed scrap ingots. Unknown to the pair they were already under surveillance by Customs. A call by Charrington was intercepted and the drugs allegedly travelled to Colombia were seized. Warren was charged along with 10 others.

Photograph: Peter Byrne

Customs officers say the evidence against both Warren and Charrington was extremely strong. Then two officers from the North East Regional Crime Squad, Detective Inspector Harry Knaggs and Detective Sergeant lan Wecdon.

ued informant. In a meeting chaired by Sir Nicholas, his parliamentary private secretary, Tim Devlin, lob-

bied Sir John on Charrington's behalf, although he was not his constituent. Mr Devlin had visited Charrington in prison. Charges were dropped

against Charrington and the case against Warren collapsed. He and all but one member of the gang - Joseph Kassar walked free.

A cocky Warren confronted Customs officers outside Newcastle Crown Court to boast that he was off to spend the £86m he had made from the deal. He was back in business.

and the money from drugs paid for a luxury home in the Wirral, a flat on the waterfront in Liverpool, and properties in France, Spain, and the Netherlands. But other gangsters tried to muscle in. Warren became involved in a violent struggle with the rival Fitzgibbon/Ungi family in Liverpool. After his chief lieutenant, Johnny Phillips, was gunned down, Warren moved his base to the Netherlands.

But he was neither out of sight or mind of Customs. Informants came forward to say that Warren was setting up a major importation deal into Britain, and a joint operation, codenamed Crayfish, was organised with the Dutch authorities.

After six months of surveillance Warren was arrested in October last year by Dutch police near the Rotterdam Europort. A raid on a ship in the dock led to the recovery 800kg of Colombian cocaine with a street value of £75m secreted in aluminium ingots. Raids in Amsterdam and Rotterdam netted more drugs bringing the total to £100m as well as a cache of grenades, automatic weapons

and CS gas canisters. Following yesterday's convictions. Ranald Macdonald, a senior Customs investigator. said: "With the conviction of Curtis Warren an entire criminal organisation has effectively been destroyed."

Labour profiting from Serb link

Christian Wolmar

Bob Wareing, the Labour MP for Liverpool West Derby, was suspended by the party over allegations that he created a consultancy to lobby on behalf of a Serbian steel company which at the time was on a United Nations sanctions list.

It is alleged that Mr Wareing's company received money from the Serbian firm in return for his lobbying activities.

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Mr Wareing, who now faces an investigation by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, has had the party whip sus-pended until the inquiry is com-pleted. He has "welcomed" the investigation but has not denied the allegations.
Mr Wareing has long had an

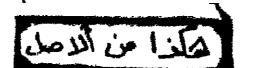
interest in the former Yugoslavia and a significant proportions of the questions he asked in Parliament concerned matters relating to the war there and its aftermath.

He was criticised in 1995 for holding a meeting with Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and with General Ratko Mladic, who were both accused of being responsible for ethnic cleansing. Last year he asked a series of

questions on whether various ministers would be visiting Serbia and whether the Government would be trying to promote British trading interests in the former Yugoslavia. He also asked a question about whether the Export Guarantee Credit scheme covered Serbia and he was told that it did not.

Mr Wareing has long been seen as pro-Serbian, though he denied in Parliament that he was a supporter of the Milosevic regime. If his link with the Serbian company is proved, Mr Wareing is likely to face much more than the minimum punishment of a reprimand and at best will receive a suspension from the House or, at worst, possible expulsion.





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Failing teachers could be sacked in a month

Education Correspondent

Grossly incompetent teachers could be sacked within a month under new fast-track procedures put forward by education authorities. The change would mean a dramatic telescoping of the dismissal process, which at present can drag on in schools for up to two years.

Meanwhile, teachers who are failing less drastically could be association. removed within two terms if they did not improve, authority leaders say. Local education authorities, who employ teachers, put forward the recommendations in response to a government consultation on developing a "firm but fair" approach to speedier dismissal.

Ministers believe the present seven-stage competency process, which can include four warnings, two dismissal hearings and an appeal before governors, hampers attempts by head teachers to raise standards.

Though they insist they do not want to see mass sackings of failing teachers, they believe those not up to the job who cannot or will not improve through support and training should be swiftly removed.

The LEAs, who met the schools standards minister,

chair of the authorities' representative body the Local Government Association (LGA), said LEAs were beginning to "harden their view" on gross incompetence. Schools should be able to cut out warnings and move straight to the final stages of the competency process with-

Incompetent teachers, meanwhile, would receive up to two warnings each followed by six

weeks to improve, before a move to dismissal procedures. The proposal comes less than a month after David Hart, leader of the National Association of

Head Teachers, said teachers should be judged against achievement targets, including test and exam results, in the drive to weed out failing staff.

The LGA wants the Government to issue national guidelines on the issue, which LEAs would adopt, possibly in a mod-ified form. Schools should be obliged to sign up to their authority's competency agreements, according to the

The proposals for fast-track sackings angered the National Union of Teachers, which insisted head teachers should never allow a teacher to slip into gross incompetence. Doug McAvoy, its general secretary, said: "The country invests a great deal in the training of teachers and should not have that investment wasted through problems not being addressed early enough."

The Government is to follow up its consultation with a second on ways to accelerate dismissal of incompetent head teachers. Among options under consideration is the introduction of fixed-term contracts for heads, which has already met fierce opposition from head teachers leaders.

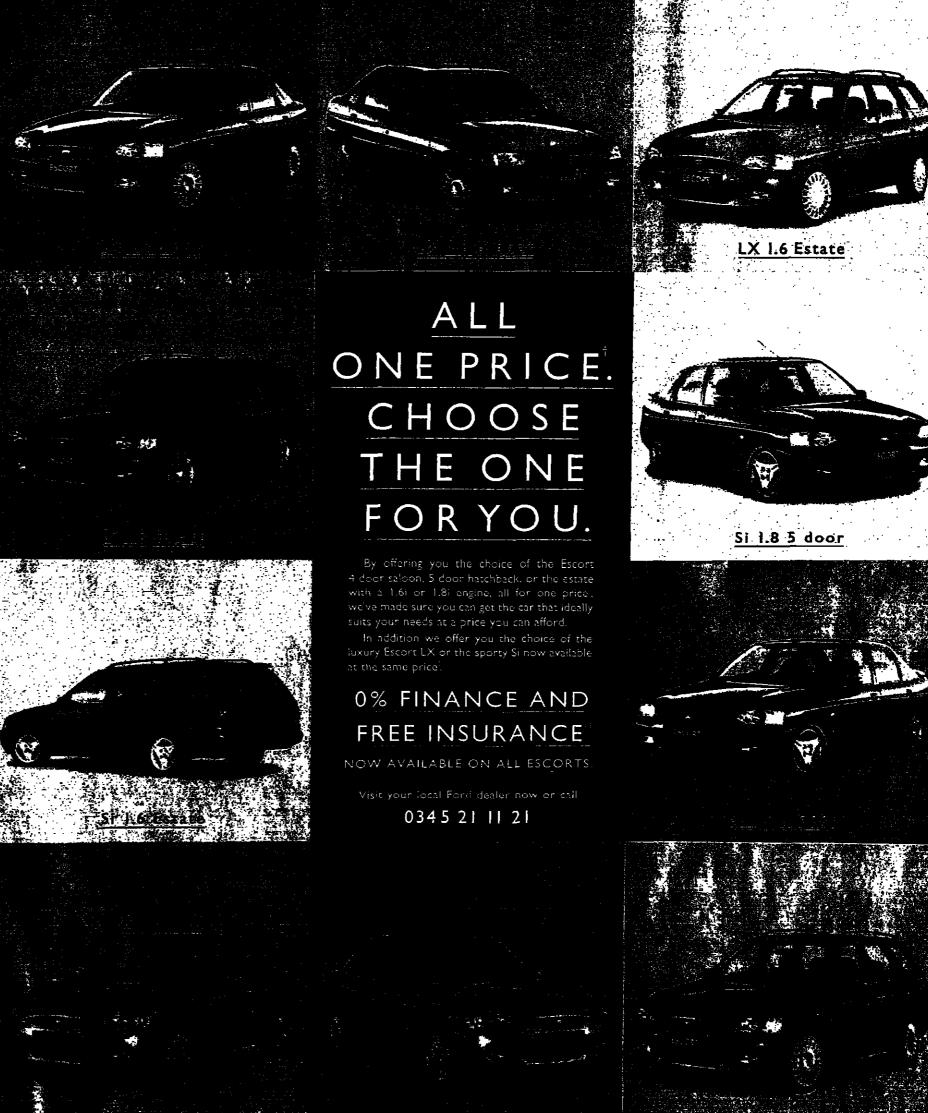
The LGA, which is seeking to claw back influence in the hir-Stephen Byers, on Wednesday ing and firing of heads from to set out their response to the school governors, proposes an consultation, are understood to alternative scheme under which have surprised ministers and civ-staff moving into management Il servants with their tough line: positions in schools would work Graham Lane, education for a period "on trial" before being given a permanent post if they proved competent.

■ A crisis in recruiting head teachers which threatens the drive for higher standards in schools will spiral unless the Government breaks public spending limits and boosts heads' pay, a teachers' leader

warned yesterday.
In a letter to David Blunkett,
Secretary of State for Education,
David Hart of the National Association of Head Teachers said more and more teachers believed salary increases through promotion to beadship were not worth the candle".



High flyers: The experimental De La Guarda company from Argentina rehearsing their show Periodo VIIIa VIIIa at the Three Mills Island Studios in Docklands, east London. The fast-action performance runs until 29 June as part of the London International Festival of Theatre (Lift) Photograph: Laurie Lewis







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Trainee surgeons perform operations alone

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

First-time surgeons are carrying out operations without supervision, including kidney transplants and mastectomies, that they have neither seen nor assisted at before, a survey has revealed.

Almost nine out of ten gen-eral surgeons and two-thirds of head and neck surgeons admit to performing procedures, for the first time, without a senior and more experienced colleague being present. In some cases there was no senior doctor present in the hospital.

Junior doctors said they had removed gall bladders, spleens and had repaired hernias for the first time without supervision. Registrars had performed ma-Registrars nau performed ma-jor abdominal operations un-supervised, including removal of the bowel, amputations and, in

one case, a kidney transplant. The survey was conducted among 450 trainee surgeons and young consultants of whom 276 returned the questionnaire.

Professor Janet Wilson, of the department of head and neck surgery at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne, who conducted the survey published in the British Medical Journal, said the findings were disturbing.
"I had known from anecdotal reports that this went on but I was surprised by the scale of it and by the complexity of the operations performed. A lot of surgeons I discussed it with expressed frank disbelief, so I am glad to have it published because this is a large sample and there is no doubt about the figures."

Among the young consultant surgeons, most reported having performed a procedure that they

had not seen during training, but Professor Wilson said that this was less worrying. "As consultants are fully trained they should have the capacity to take on new techniques. she said.

The reasons for the lack of supervision were pressure on surgeons to cut waiting lists. together with the reduction in junior doctors' hours. This increased the burden on consultants who had to spend more time doing routine surgery and so had less time for training. Consultants were expected not to let training delay operations.
Some unsupervised procedures
were carried out as emergencies at nights and weekends

However, John Spiers, chairman of the Patients' Association, claimed some senior consultants were putting their private work before the NHS. If these doctors are unsupervised, where are their supervisors when they're supposed to be in the operating theatre? There's evidence to suggest that they are in their

private consulting rooms."

Professor Wilson said the surgical training colleges should keep closer checks on the records kept by trainces to ensure operations were supervised the first time they were performed. The pressure on trainers might be eased by breaking complex operations into parts - opening the abdomen, repair, and closing, for example - so that only that part of the procedure that was unfamiliar would need supervision.

The Royal College of Surgeons said yesterday that the findings were worrying, but questioned whether they were rep-resentative of the 4,000 senior house officers and 2,000 specialist registrars in surgical training.

Not cricket: rain stops play as normal weather resumes



Rain spoiled the day for the second Ashes Test at Lord's (above) yesterday, when heavy showers ended all hope of play, and, for only the fourth time in history, the first day of a Test match at the ground was lost.

Forecasters predicted rain for the start of the Wimbledon tennis championships next week. "There is no sign of summer at all as far as we can see," they warned. But the weather did nothing to dampen enthusiasm at Royal Ascot, where

racing went ahead, with mud adding an unexpected touch to the Ladies' Day fashions. At Lord's, where England's cricketers hoped to capitalise on their morale-boosting victory against Australia in the first Test,

players and spectators spent a frustrating day. Mike Atherton, the England captain, said: "It's a shame, we all really want to get out there." Royal Ascot, pages 28, 29. Photograph: Peter Jav

Patients' damages can wait, says professor

Jeremy Laurance

Victims of medical negligence who win large compensation awards against NHS trusts should not expect an immedi-ate payout but take their place in the queue for scarce resources, a professor of medical

ethics says.

Paying large sums in compensation is unjust when the shortage of NHS resources means that other NHS patients who need treatment to save

who need treatment to save their lives are denied it, says Professor John Harris.

On Tuesday, Liam Batty, 9, who was brain damaged at birth, was awarded £1.25m in a living resistant South Managers. claim against South Manchester Health Authority. Lawyers estimate that between £250m and flbn will be paid out for similar accidents between now

and the end of the century. Since 1995, all hospital negligence awards have been met out of the NHS budget and when judgment is delivered hospitals have to pay the com-

pensation immediately.
Professor Harris, of the Institute of Medicine, Law and Ethics at the Universities of Manchester and Liverpool, says in the British Medical Journal that it is inequitable to give successful litigants absolute priority in the sharing-out of

NHS resources.

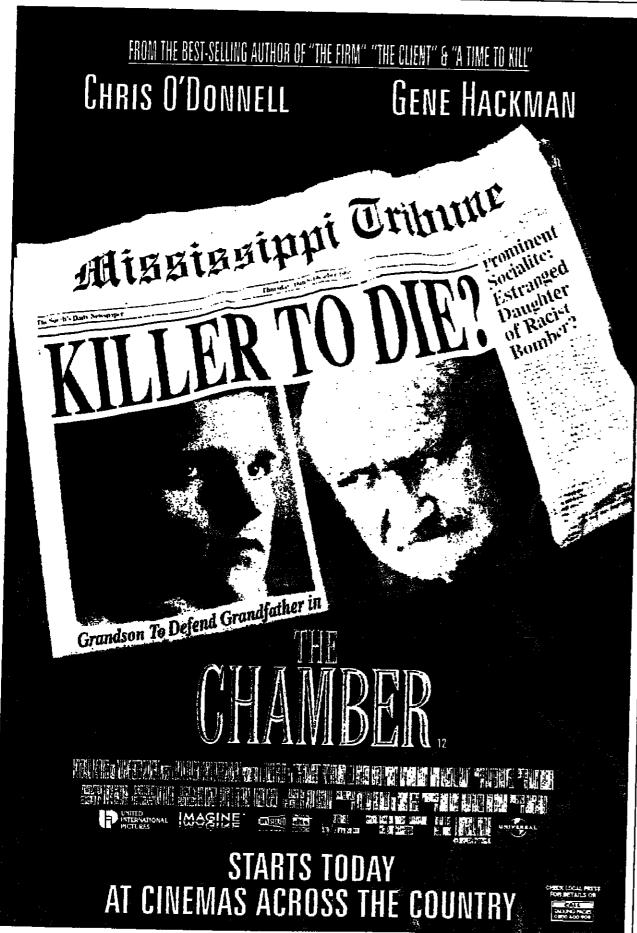
"The important question is whether it is just for awards of damages to be enforced when the effect of so doing may be to deny more important or urgent claims on the same budget.

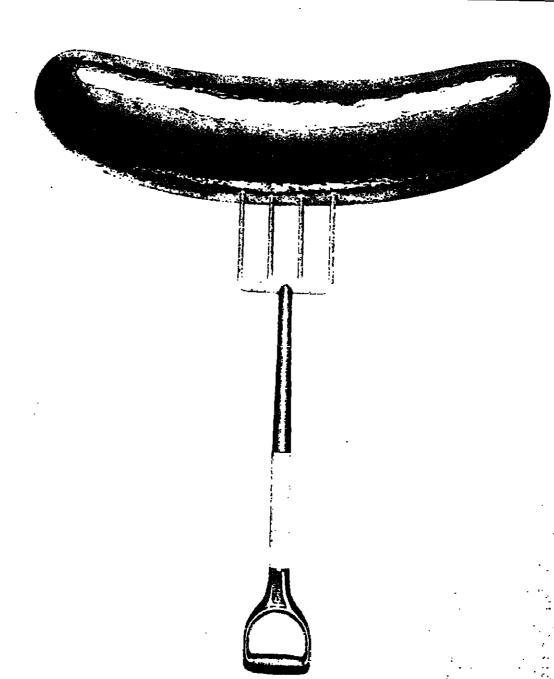
He suggests that successful claimants should have their needs assessed and go on a waiting list for payment only when there were no more urgent claims to be met. Priority should be given to paying the costs of continuing care.

A separately funded "no fault" compensation scheme

which would be fairer to victims of accidents and avoid the stigmatisation of doctors could be introduced, Professor Harris

However, ministers have in the past ruled out no fault schemes as being too costly.





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abducted by the Khmer Rouge in March last year. "He has told his former comrades he will surrender, but only under certain conditions," Gen-

expert in landmine clearance

eral Nheik Bunchay said. He said forces loyal to Pol Pot may surrender to a renegade Khmer Rouge force led by the notorious one-legged military commander of the hardline Maoist organisation, Ta Mok. known as "the butcher" to Cambodians. The name was earned during Pol Pot's brutal post-1975 regime, when an es-timated 2 million people were either executed or worked to

death in labour camps. Latest reports on the guer-



Pol Pot: On the run from remote jungle stronghold

rillas' clandestine radio said on Tuesday that Pol Pot had already surrendered to renegade forces, who turned against their leader of 30 years after he ordered a vicious internal purge earlier this month which saw the execution of Son Sen, the movement's long-standing security chief, and 11 of his family. The broadcast said "a new era" had begun for Cambodia, and that Pol Pot was a problem that had

now been solved. But the problem continues. Even if one of this century's most reviled dictators finally surrenders, there is no clear way to

bring him to justice. Cambodia's government has

said it would stand Pol Pot before an international tribunal for his crimes against humanity. Both of the country's vying prime ministers have approached the United Nations Secretary-General's special representative to Cambodia, formally requesting he step in to oversee a truth commission, like that begun in postapartheid South Africa, to

secretive Khmer Rouge. But the story of the Khmer

miers, at one time served under

or with Pol Pot in the factional

civil wars that have racked the

country for most of its indepen-

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Pol Pot 'sets terms

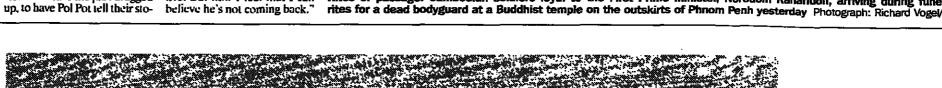
"Execution is the way the group deals with those it terms 'traitors'. It is the way they express their concept of justice and there is little reason to believe they would change their minds for Pol Pot," he added.

Phnom Penh-based analyst.

The prospect of Pol Pot be-ing confirmed dead appears especially heartening for the people of Phnom Penh. Misdetermine facts about the treated and forced to leave Rouge is far more than a ques-tion of just one man's misdeeds. their jobs and homes for the "Killing Fields" of Pol Pot's A whole generation of politicians regime, which ended in 1979, and army commanders in Camfew have emerged from the past two decades without scars. bodia, including the two co-pre-

Fewer still want to think of Pol Pot as anything but dead. "I was happy when I heard he was finished," said Poli Lee, 43, who saw five members of her family beaten to death in 1977. "It has been difficult for me to live. But now I feel that I can believe he's not coming back."





Thailand's dream team steps down

Matthew Chance

Thailand's deepening economic crisis claimed its first political victims yesterday, as two key gov-erament ministers stepped down.

Ampuay Viravan, the embattled finance minister handed in his resignation, followed shortly afterwards by commerce minister, Narongchai Akrasanee. Others in the political "dream team" set up to mend Thailand's beleaguered economy may quit today.

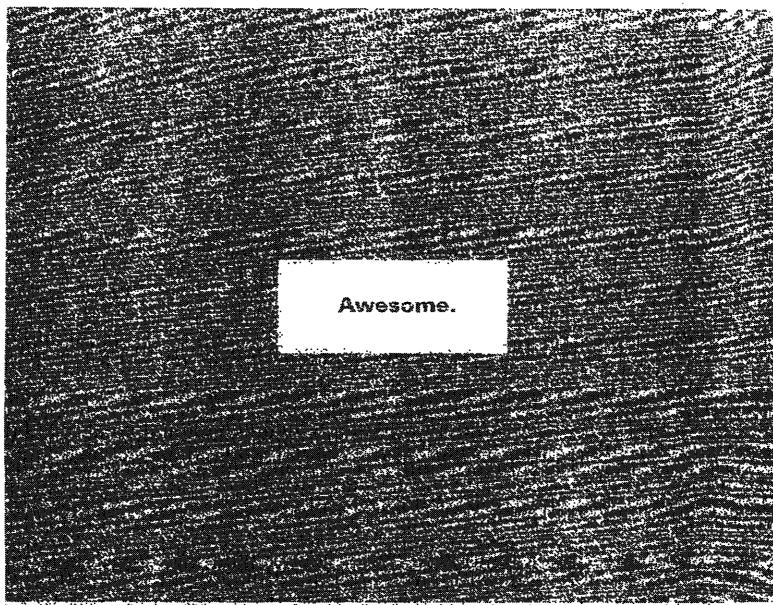
for the Prime Minister and have sparked widespread nervousness about what lies ahead. Once a leading "Asian Tiger", Thailand's rapid economic growth profited from high levels of foreign investment and an "globally-orientated" economy. But last year underlying troubles rose to the surface.

The continuing economic crisis, which has seen Thailand's growth rates plunge from highs of the late 1980s to just over 5 per cent last year, could lead to more political instability and the fall of the government: Chavalit Yongch-

aivudh, the Prime Minister, has staked his future on reviving the country's economy. He is expected to name new finance and commerce ministers over the next few days, but has temporarily placed himself in charge of running the economy. It has been dogged by big debts, a massive slump in property prices and

rising unemployment.
The Prime Minister assured investors that there would be no immediate change in economic policies and said his priority The resignations mark a blow would be to defend the country's currency, the bahi, i tack by speculators.

Neither Mr Amnuay, the finance minister, nor Mr Narongchai were elected memgovernment as part of the Prime Minister's "dream team" to bolster confidence in government economic polices. Some members of the governing coalition were never comfortable with this and have repeatedly blocked measures recommended by the duo, preventing tight - and unpopular - fiscal polices being implemented.



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Jospin relies on growth to save Emu hopes

John Lichfield

French public finances are in a "serious" mess, the new Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin told parliament yesterday.

Nonetheless, the Socialist-led government plans to meet the deadline for creation of a single currency by 1999. It hopes, growth permitting, to reduce taxes, starting with VAT.

It will go ahead, although not immediately, with its promises to reduce working hours and create new state-sector and subsidised jobs. It will abandon, or much reduce, the budget-balancing, programme to sell off state-owned industries. It will increase, by 4 per cent, the statutory minimum wage.

Two large public works projects, energetically opposed by Mr Jospin's Green government partners – the Rhone-Rhine canal and the Superphénix experimental neutron reactor will be abandoned. This will relieve a little of the pressure on the state's finances but cost an estimated 75,000 jobs.

Mr Jospin's general policy speech to the National Assembly contained no real surprises. Equally, it contained few clues on how Mr Jospin intends to square the seemingly contradictory pledges of last month's

successful election campaign. If public finances are in such a mess - an audit will be published in mid-July - how can Mr Jospin meet the targets for single-currency membership without tax rises or spending cuts?

Mr Jospin gave a brisk and well-written one-hour speech, repeating his pledge to govern openly and honestly, but did not directly address this conundrum. He promised a "first appreciation" of the government's economic and fiscal options next week. The first formal budget proposals will be delayed, as Mr Jospin pledged to continue

expected, until September.

Mr Jospin seems to be placing all his bers on an increase in growth, pumped up by more domestic spending, fired by the increase in the minimum wage. and possibly a small cut in VAT on basic items. Although he gave no figures, a series of leaks in recent days suggest that France is heading for a budget deficit this year of between 3.5 and 3.7 per cent of gross national product, well over the Maastricht treaty guideline of 3 per cent. A spurt in growth,

Sooner, rather than later. Mr Jospin will have to do something unpopular

now around 2 per cent, could bring France within touching distance of the guideline. But time is running out.

After the contradictory signais of the last ten days, the mar-kets and Mr Jospin's EU partners were waiting for a clear statement yesterday of French intentions on Economic and Monetary Union (Emu) and the single currency.

Mr Jospin spoke of the "volonté" (intention) of his government to meet the 1999 timetable for Emu but he gave no commitment on the budgetary guidelines. He also said that the resolution on growth and job-creation, obtained by France in Amsterdam this week, should be seen as only a first step. France would be ask-

On non-economic questions.

the professionalisation and modernisation of the French armed forces. The abandonment of military service would be maintained.

On immigration, Mr Jospin pledged to be tough on illegal migrants but said he would repeal one key element of the immigration and nationality laws passed by centre-right governments. The right to French citizenship of anyone born on French soil would be restored.

Overall, the speech, though well-crafted, was an exercise in playing for time. The promise of a cut in the working week to 35 hours would be delivered. within the lifetime of the parliament, in other words within five years. The promised re-duction in VAT on basic items would be "studied" by the finance ministry.

Mr Jospin was against pri-vatisation and absolutely against the privatisation of public "ser-vices". He left the door slightly ajar, however, for at least a partial privatisation of those stateowned industries which needed to keep up with international competition. Which category would the planned budget-eas-ing, sale of France Telecom come under? Possibly the second. In the third week of his gov-

ernment. Mr Jospin is still trying to keep four plates spinning: his commitment to enter Emu on time; his pledge not to plunge France into renewed austerity: his ideas for putting more money into French pockets; and his promise always to do as he promised.

Even the centre-left newspaper Liberation, a warm sup-porter of Mr Jospin, said yesterday that he would, sooner rather than later, have to do something unpopular. Honesty was all very well, wrote the newspaper's editor-in-chief, Pierre Briançon. It was more important to get things done.



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Silence cloaks Rome campus killing

Rome — Marta Russo, a bril-liant 22-year-old law student, was killed on the campus of Rome's La Sapienza University with a single calibre .22 bul-let fired from a window in the library of the Philosophy of Law lepartment.

The apparently random, motiveless murder, on 9 May, shocked Italy to the core. Since then, key confessions have been withdrawn and watertight alibis have sprung leaks while staff at the law faculty have kept quiet. and ended up behind bars.

In a country with one of the lowest murder rates in the world – Mafia crimes excepted indiscriminate assassinations by apparent loners are virtually unknown. That a law student of exceptional promise should crumple noiselessly to her knees on a crowded campus pavement and expire hours later in hospital was unthinkable.

But the initial shock has given way to disbelief as investiLaw faculty 'omerta' after student dies. Anne Hanley reports



Marta Russo (left) and her alleged killer, Giovanni Scattone

gations uncover a network of omerta - the complicitous silence usually associated with the Mafia – in a university department where staff give every impression of having closed ranks. What remains to be seen is why Three low-ranking depart-



Giovanni Scattone, and his

ment employees are currently in prison, one charged with pulling the trigger and the other with complicity. One of the latter, Francesco Liparota, broke down under questioning and admitted to being with the alleged killer.

friend Salvatore Ferraro when they shot, apparently at random, out of the window. Mr Liparota then retracted his testimony this week, after being release on house arrest and finding that his mother had received

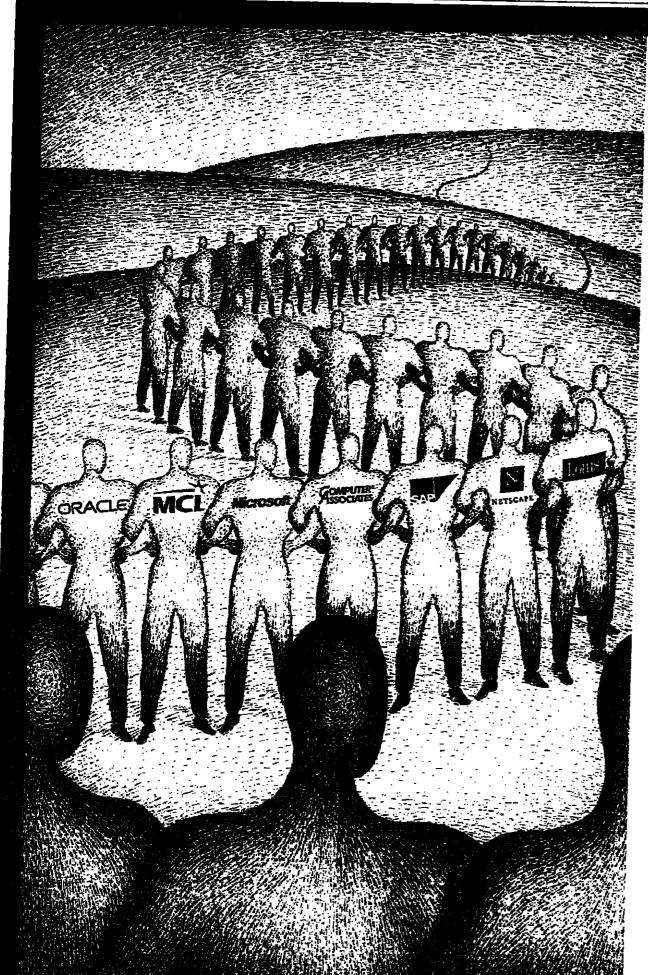
death threats. But his original version has been confirmed by his mother, who said her son had confessed all to her. And it corresponds with the statement given to magistrates more than a month after Marta's death by assistant librarian Gabriella Alletto, who was on the other side of book-

shelves when the shot was fired. According to Ms Alletto, she reported the crime to department chiefs immediately. Her difficult decision to go to the investigators, she maintains, was made when it became clear that the department had no intention of coming clean. As a result, both the department head and the chief librarian have also been arrested.

The university is corrupt through and through," com-mented one lecturer, who declined to be named. "And few departments have worse repu-tations than Philosophy of Law." "Corruption" here refers to

professors who attend the university only to pick up their pay cheques, delegating work and exams to low or unpaid minions such as Mr Scattone; to highly paid positions being given to under-qualified friends and relations: or to exam success depending on favours or payment.

But as they dig deeper, investigators are clearly having difficulty believing that members of a law department would protect the murderer to cover up administrative fiddles. And they are asking whether the silence surrounding Marta's death may prove to conceal something much more sinister.



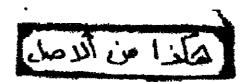
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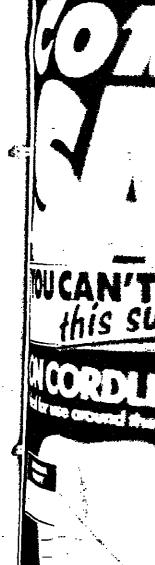
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Dancing and music fill the streets – everyone loves it, everyone does it

They were having a little cele-bration down in Carabanchel the other day. Straddling the south-west tringes of the capital, this is not a beautiful part of town. Down-at-heel with shoddy higgledy-piggledy apart-ments, it is just a bus stop from dusty frontier territory beyond the ring-road, reminiscent of a scene from Paris, Texas.

But Carabanchel is perhaps the proudest of Madrid's working-class suburbs. In Franco's day it was notorious for its prison, where a number of today's illustrious citizens spent time at the Generalissimo's pleasure. The prison is still there, and so is the barracks, from which soldiers kept tabs on red-belt agitators.

The barracks is a community centre now, and the women from the province of Extremadura, vibrant in scarlet and emerald embroidered frocks, with broad brocade ribbons cascading down their backs, were heading up to the former military chapel to mark the first anniversary of Carabanchel's Extremaduran bar and clubhouse.

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Most working-class Madrilenos come from somewhere else, fleeing rural poverty to seek a livelihood in the capital, and Extremadura is one of the poorest regions. But the 30 or so women and young girls getting ready in the back of their clubhouse, primping and preening and fluffing up each other's petticoats, were revelling in the prospect of celebrating their

origins. Sturdy, matronly Joaqui, a steely glint in her eye and makehome," she confessed, "but be- round her skinny shoulders.



Party time: Women prepare to dazzle in their finery for the celebrations at the Extremaduran clubhouse in Carabanchel Photograph: David Rose

ing so far from home we feel the need to express our identity. It's an emotional feeling, and we like

bar served up beer after frothy beer to the more sheepish menfolk, outdazzled by their reshrunken nervy woman in norup as startling as her sequinned mal life, glowed like a princess bodice, came to Carabanchel 30 with her long gold earrings and years ago from Badajoz. "We a scarlet rose pinned above her tion't wear costumes like this at ear, her bright shawl clutched

Carmen's crumpled husband, erupted on to the street, shoul-Manuel Calvo was European boxing champion in 1969. Their to pass it on to our daughters." son Manuel, 29, with a beauti-Their banter and raucous ful fragile face and squashed laughter ricocheted off the tiled unose, inherited his father's tal-walls, while Carmen behind the ent and is Spain's reigning featherweight champion. Manuel jur is talking to Lourdes, 20, one of a handful of young women splendent wives. Loli, a training to be a matador, who rents a room in Loli's cramped flat. Lourdes and young Manuel share the pinched, serious look of those striving to spring from

their humble origins. The Estremaduran women

der pads bumping the young girls giggling and darting in their finery. And then, suddenly, the women started to sing, and the girls to dance, lifting their arms and swirling their bright skirts in the golden afternoon. They sang their hearts out on that dusty pavement, with the buses and lorries thundering by, in praise of their homeland.

Later that evening, I was eat-ing dinner with friends in a good restaurant in Salamanca, which is a smart - what they call "pijo" - district. The place was un-

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usually quiet and empty, and the waiters became more and more higherious as diners failed to materialise. We all knew why. Real Madrid, the "pijo" team, were playing their prolier local rivals Atletico in the deciding football match of the league.

Only ignorant foreigners

would spurn their television sets on a night like this. Finally the waiter murmured with satisfaction: "Three-one victory to Real". But by then we already knew. A human tide was roaring through this prosperous Real heartland. Armies of fans, men carrying their young sons and daughters on their shoulders, trailing purple and white flags, some embellished with the scarlet-and-gold for Spain, chanted and surged along pavements where little old ladies usually walk their poodles, past wrought-iron portals and shop windows of designer textiles

and soft leather handbags. Scooters and cars created a city-wide traffic jam, filling the night with a dealening clangour of hooters. Young girls with velvet headbands leaned excitedly out of BMWs, their glossy, blaz-ered boyfriends flushed with joy.

The sound of trumpets and kazoos floated through my bedroom window intermittently all night. A fanfare of car horns shattered the dawn bull, startling the swallows, as revellers ejected from all-night bars protested at finding themselves double-parked. Madrilenos of all classes love to celebrate, out on the street, at full volume.

Elizabeth Nash

Labour restricts Burma trade

The Government yesterday came up with a small but sym-bolic birthday gift for Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese opposition leader. It put new restrictions on doing business in Burma n protest against the country's buses of human rights.
"The Government will not

provide any financial support to companies for trade missions to Burma or for trade promotion activities within Burma until there is progress towards democratic reform and respect for human rights in Burma," said Derek Fatchett, Foreign Office minister. "We shall encourage our EU partners to take similiar action," he added, in answer to a Parliamentary question.

In Rangoon, military police prevented 100 supporters of Suu Kyi from visiting her home to celebrate her 52nd birthday. About 20 of her relatives and aides, however, were allowed into her compound for a quict ceremony. She has been under semi-bouse arrest since last September, when the military scaled off her home to prevent a con-gress of her political party.

The British announcement was welcomed by human rights campaigners. "The Burma Action group UK sees today's move by the new Labour Government as an encouraging first step," said a statement from the London-based group.

Turkish military reaffirms anti-Islamist stance

Turkey's staunchly secularist military said yesterday it would press ahead with its anti-Islamist campaign despite the resignation of the Islamist prime minister. Necmettin Erbakan. "The mission of the Turkish armed forces of protecting the Turkish republic's unity against the threat of fundamentalism is still valid and continuing," a senior military official said. "It must not be linked with the recent political developments." he added.

Reuters - Ankara

Mafia boss seeks religion

Pietro Aglieri, the arrested Mafia boss who was once one of the mob's most ruthless killers, wants to study theology but a leading Sicilian bishop has refused him permission.

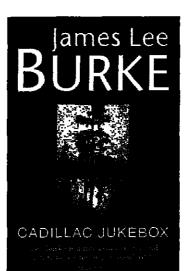
Aglieri, who was arrested earlier this month, total newspapers through his lawyer that he had a "strong desire" to sign up for a theology correspondence course through a Sicilian university. The bishop of Catania said that Aglieri would not be allowed to study theology even if civil law, which limits contact with the outside world for arrested Mañosi, permitted it.

Vietnam war revisited

Robert McNamara, the former US defense secretary, arrived in Vietnam on Wednesday to re-examine a costly war he now considers a mistake. Mr McNamara is in the capital, Hanoi, to attend a four-day conference on the Vietnam war and its consequences, an organiser said. The former secretary first returned to Vietnam in 1995 to meet his wartime adversary General Vo Nguyen Giap, and to open a dialogue on a war that, by its end in 1973, had cost the lives of 58,000 Americans and more than 3 million Vietnamese. AP - Hanoi

Most-married man dies at 88

The man listed in the Guinness Book of Records as being married the most times - 29 - has died at the age of 88. Glynn "Scotty" Wolfe, a flamboyant minister, died of heart disease on 10 June at a nursing home, 10 days before his first wedding anniversary with Linda Essex-Wolfe, who holds the title of the world's most-married woman, with 23 AP - Rediand, California



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G7 summit: Russia joins world's top industrialised nations in Denver as they share economic troubles and parade successes

US out of step with partners in wealth

horse-drawn carriage turning into Larimer Square, Denver. yesterday, when flags of participating countries have been raised to welcome members of the former G7 group Photograph:Reuters

Mary Dejevsky Washington

Leaders of what used to be the Group of Seven industrialised countries - but are now, with the addition of Russia, judiciously called "The Eight" - gathered for their annual summit meeting yesterday evening in the city of Denver at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. Along with their teams of ministers, dozens of advisers, hundreds of lobbyists and even more journalists, Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, Jacques Chirac and the others were gearing up for two days of discussions directed at airing, if not solving, major problems of the industrialised world.

The drawback is that this year the problems are less easily defined and the leaders more politically divided than for several years past. It is not only, as many analysts affirm, that today's issues blur the borderlines between politics and economics as never before and that economic "globalisation" is starting to melt the demarcation between "domestic" and "foreign".

It is that while the United States economy is booming and its leaders are determined, according to administration officials, to use the summit to pro-ject "with pride" the success of what they call the American economic model, election results in Britain and France, as well as the public mood in Germany, show that this model may not be easily replicated elsewhere.

The US may have historically low unemployment, low interest rates, a declining budget deficit, steady economic growth and a rising stock market, but the labour "flexibility" and relatively low pay that have bought these benefits remain politically unacceptable in many other countries. So even though the Americans go to Denver preening themselves that they have turned the tables on those who once lectured them about the evils of budget deficits and a toocheap dollar, any return lectures are likely to receive a stonier reception than US representatives

appear to expect.

The addition of Russia as an

is a further complication. This was a diplomatic gesture strong-ly supported by Washington as a psychological boost for Moscow as it negotiated the inevitable decision to enlarge Nato. Politely accepted by the old G7, Russia's participation has none the less been accompanied by

much sniping about Russia's qualifications for membership of the top countries' club. If Russia, why not India, China, Brazil, South Africa?

Partly because of Russia's participation, and partly because of the issues on the agenda, this year's summit is seen as stability and what to do about Third World debt and development – will be far less in evidence than before. Concerns have shifted.

One discussion will focus on

more political than economic.

The set pieces of G7 meetings

the quest for exchange rate

several, but not all G7 countries). Another will consider the future of Hong Kong - with a strong statement anticipated about the need for China to respect Hong Kong's freedoms.

demography and the public spending implications of ageing

populations (a problem faced by

There may be discussion of the single European currency but not to the point, as US officials stressed, where third countries would appear to be interfering. And - in a session where Bill Clinton and Tony Blair are expected to embody the new "special relationship"

sealed in London - the "Summit of the Eight" will promote the idea of employability, the neat compromise that newstyle left-of-centre governments. have settled on as a chance to reduce welfare spending, cut unemployment and create jobs. without appearing heartless.

Yeltsin savours prize of seat at the top table

Moscow — To others, it may look like winning the wooden spoon, a compensation prize giv-en to the loser of a contest that was always unequal. But Boris Yeltsin seems certain to take his place at the summit of the leading industrialised nations with uine diplomatic triumph.

The Russian president has long coveted a meaningful place alongside the planet's heavyweights in G7, and today he will realise that ambition as part of a trade-off for reluctantly accepting the first wave of Nato expansion on to the territory of the former Warsaw Pact.

For him, the gathering is a chance to remind the world that, though it is down - and may yet have further to fall - Russia is not out. Its economy is in ruins, and its army in tatters, but Moscow still sees itself as an influential global player, worthy



Boris Yeltsin: Chance to indulge in flight of fancy

of a place at the table alongside the likes of Japan, Germany and the United States. The three-day summit, in

Denver, Colorado, is also an op-portunity for Mr Yeltsin to advance Russia's case for the next kick-back flowing from Nato's expansionist ambitions - membership of the World Trade Organisation and the Paris Club of creditors, a body which Moscow hopes will reinforce its efforts to recoup billions of dollars owed to the former Soviet Union.

The landscape has changed since the G7 gathered last July in Lyons, France. Mr Yeltsin had just had a heart attack, and was too sick to attend in person, sending his Prime Minister, Victor Chernomyrdin. Although the 21-month war was winding down, the blood of some 80,000 victims was still fresh on the soil of Chechnya. The Kremlin was bracing for a battle with an uncompromising Nato over its plans to move on to soil that used to be Russian stamping ground.

Since then, relations with the West have warmed. Mr on the Boris Plus Seven Show.

Phil Reeves looks ahead to the 'Boris plus seven show' and what it means for Moscow

Yeltsin made an almost miraculous recovery from heart surgery and double pneumonia, and decided to nail his colours to the masts of two economic reformers - Boris Nemtsov and Anatoly Chubais.

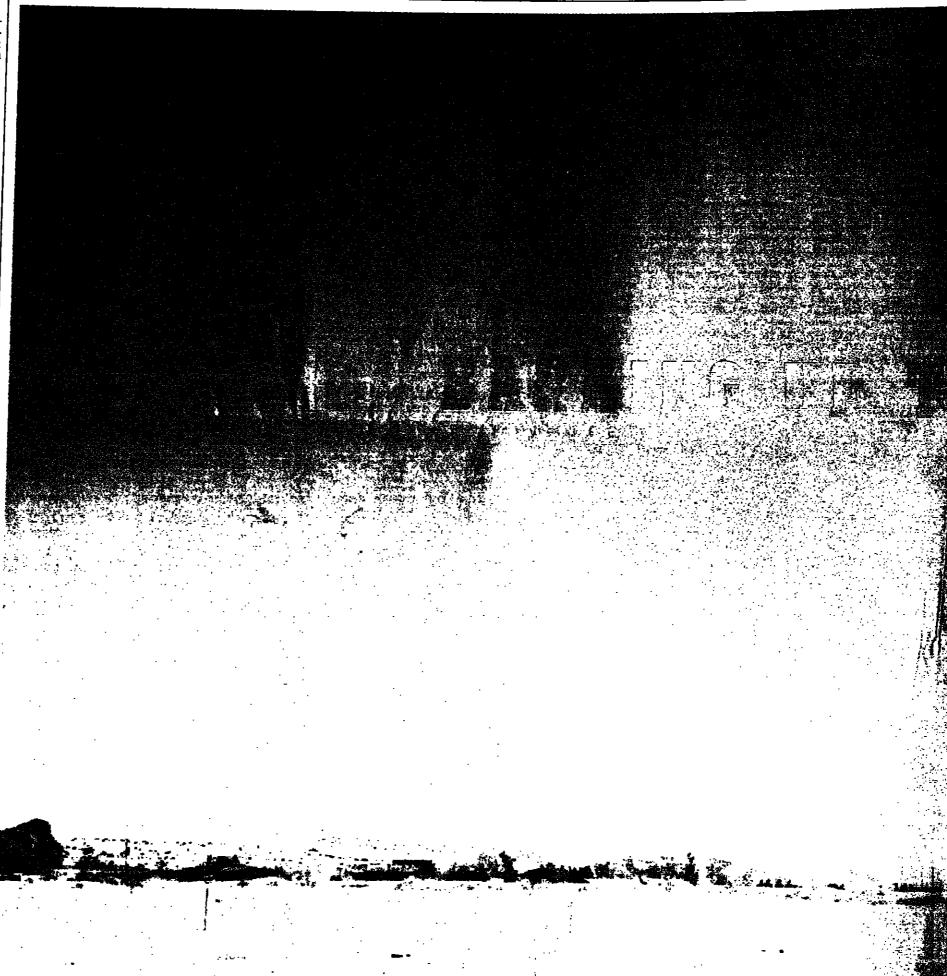
Under their influence, the president has drawn in the country's horns, by adopting a generally softer approach to for-eign policy in order to concentrate on the country's domestic crisis. In the last few months alone, Russia has recognised the borders of the Ukraine, watered down a union with the dictatorially-run Belarus, and signed a

peace treaty with the Chechens. The shadow of the now wasting bear still hangs menacingly over her neighbours, especially in the Baltics. But the anti-Western mood of last year has eased. There are signs that Russia at last acknowledges that it has lost its bullying rights, and that the great power era is

This weekend's events - renamed "the Group of Eight" by Bill Clinton in Russia's honour - offers Mr Yeltsin the chance to indulge in a small flight of fantasy. He will have access to all but one 90-minute session of the talks, which will range across a variety of subjects. The Japanese have made clear that they intend to beard the Russian president over the Kurile Isles. And when the summit ends, the final communique will begin with the words, we, eight industrialised democracies of the world".

The Russians are delighted by this, and seemed undaunted by the fact that it is extremely doubtful whether this description can accurately be applied to their nation, which has seen its GNP shrivel to almost half its former size in five years.

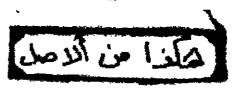
Last night, after giving a cheerful television interview. Mr Yeltsin flew out of Moscow after publicly congratulating himself on a partial victory in his effort to persuade his parliament to introduce a tax code. His arrival in Denver early today will be another sign that Russia knows that it must integrate further into the global economic system, if it is to solve its larger economic problems. And, for that reason alone, the applause will be genuinely heartfelt when the lights go up

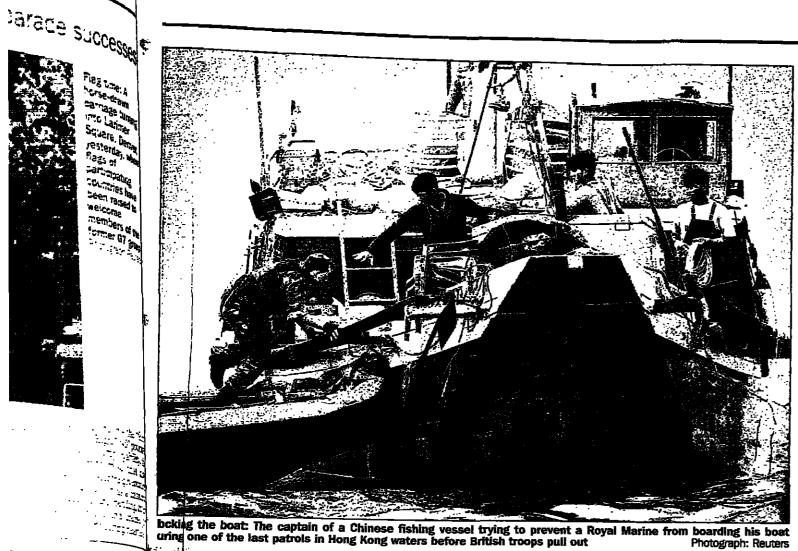


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Long-suffering Patten is praised at the death

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

British colonialism and Chris Patten, the last Governor of Hong Kong, were showered with praise from a totally unexpected quarter yesterday, a few days before the end of British rule. Tsang Yok-shing, the leader of the colony's biggest pro-Peking political par-ty, told a surprised group of re-porters that he was in danger of being politically incorrect for saying too much in praise of the British Government".

Meanwhile the subject of his praise, Mr Patten, was holding his last question-and-answer session with legislators, most of whom have spent the past five years criticising him, but who sterday "banged him out" banging appreciatively on their desks as he left the chamber.

Clearly moved by the warm atmosphere, Mr Patten told

the legislators that he had "been impressed by the way in which the political dialogue in Hong Kong is conducted with moderation and responsibility and more generosity of spirit" than he had witnessed elsewhere.

Asked what he would have done had he been Prime Minister, Mr Patten, a former Conservative Party chairman, said. "I think, as things have turned out, I'd have appointed myself Governor of Hong Kong". While Mr Patten was ad-

dressing the legislators, Mr
Tsang was saying, "I have no
reservation about feeling thankful for many of the things the
colonial government has done".
This is no small tribute from

someone whose brother and sister were arrested by the colonial authorities for distributing seditious literature to their school mates in the late Sixties.

Mr Tsang, one of the colony's most prominent leftists, has der Special Branch surveillance. Listing the achievements of

the colonial regime, Mr Tsang said it had produced a "very ef-ficient and relatively corruptionfree civil service", and had achieved much in terms of education, the environment and housing, "Many Hong Kong people", he said, "feel thankful for the British Government when they look at the situation in Macau", which is under Por-tuguese administration.

Mr Tsang even had kind words for Mr Patten who, he said, had made the civil service more open and accountable. Nevertheless he accused the Governor of "being at least partially responsible for some of

the most tricky problems we have seen in the past years". This criticism is mild compared to the characterisation of Mr Patten as "a whore", and "a criminal through history" standard fare for Chinese officials and their supporters in Hong Kong. However, as his

days are numbered, there have been some signs that a more be-nign view is being taken. Earlier in the week, Zhou Nan (whom Mr Patten privately calls Joe Stalin), the head of the New China News Agency (NCNA), China's de facto embassy in Hong Kong, and an im-placable foe of the Governor, said that he did not hold Mr Patten personally to blame for recent Sino-British conflicts. He stated that the Conservative government as a whole was responsible for changing British policy and putting it on a course of confrontation.

A small attempt at reviving anti-Patten acrimony was made in the legislature's chamber when Ip Kwok-him, a member of Mr Tsang's party, asked the Governor whether he was "ashamed of what you have done". Mr Ip told him that he had "some achievements, but that did not make up for the difficulties you have caused Hong Kong"

Reminding legislators that the Governor is often a bruiser at beart, Mr Patten laid into Mr Ip, whom he accused of getting into his stride for next year's election, and sarcastically assured him that even if he could not win, the new regime would find a seat for him under new arrangements which are allegedly "advancing the cause of democracy".

Meanwhile Mr Tsang indirectly confirmed a remarkable statement by Wong Man-fong, a

former NCNA official, who recently told an academic seminar that the Chinese government was lobbied by leftists in Hong Kong in the Seventies; they did not want China to resume sovereignty over the colony. Mr Tsang said he was a small potato in leftist circles at this time so was not aware of any lobbying.

However, when China announced that it would resume sovereignty, in 1981, "we thought it was a nonsense", said Mr Tsang. They believed that Hong Kong was of more value to China as it was and therefore could not understand why Peking wanted to change the status quo.



'If I'd been Prime Minister I'd have appointed myself Governor of Hong Kong' **Chris Patten**

The tenor of Mr Tsang's remarks are in marked contrast to those of China's recently acquired allies who were once pillars of the colonial establishment. The converts, who were supporting the colonial regime while Mr Tsang was fighting it, are scared about making the smallest suggestion that Britain contributed to Hong Kong's success. ■ (AP) — Francis Cornish, a caneer diplomat, will be Britain's first consul-general in Hong Kong after it reverts to Chinese rule at midnight on 30 June, the Foreign Office said vesterday. Mr Cornish, 55, who has been senior trade commissioner in the colony since 1993, will take

Indian front runner looks untouchable

New Delhi - The other can-didates for the Indian presidency include a 36-year-old alleged lawyer, whose 50 signatures of proposers and sec-onders were all forgeries, and the first member of Mahatma Gandhi's family (as opposed to the Nehrus, confusingly also called Gandhi) to seek office since the Mahatma's death. But the winner of next

month's election seems a foregone conclusion, because KR Narayanan has won the en-dorsement both of the ruling United Front and the Con-gress Party. If he wins, this former diplomat and graduate of the LSE will become the first member of a "scheduled caste" - the first Untouchable - to hold India's highest office in the nation's 50-year history. Kocheril Raman Naray-

anan's career is a demonstration both of how India's caste barriers can be transcended, but also of the powerful grip they still retain on Hindu thought. Raised in the state of Kerala in the far south, Narayan is a Paravan, a lowly group whose tra-ditional vocation was picking coconuts. Both his father and grandfather were ayuvedic doctors in the region, administering natural remedies for very little money. As a child he was forbidden even to walk past the houses of high-caste villagers, as even today his brethren are banned from entering temples or using the high castes' wells. Narayanan himself, though

graduating top of his year at uni-versity, was offered nothing more flattering than the post of college clerk. A beaming, mild-man-nered character, with the looks of an Indian Betty Boothroyd, he survived this rebuff and after a spell in journalism gained a scholarship to the LSE Armed not only with a degree in eco-nomics but also with a letter of recommendation from Harold Laski to Nehru, he was speedi-

Caste system cracked but not broken - Peter Popham on the presidential race

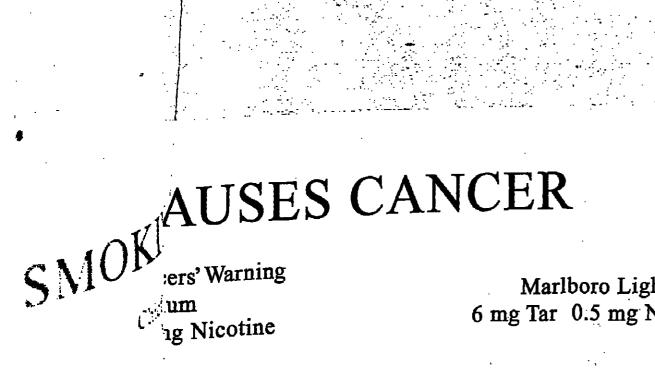
ly inducted into the diplomatic service, and has travelled the

world as envoy and ambassador. Delhi's press is saturated with tales of political corruption, among which the news of Narayanan's candidacy surfaced with lotus-like purity. Mr Narayanan "has everything that the high office demands," said the Hindustani Times, in a typical comment, "...high personal integrity, dignity, scholarship and grace." But such a description would also apply to the in-cumbent, SD Sharma, a freedom fighter before independence and a Cambridge law graduate, who has exercised considerable shrewdness and wisdom during

his five-year term. Somehow the office of President, tainted during the Gandhis' years (1966 to 1989) when successive presidents bowed the knee to the Prime Minister, has managed to claw back its original esteem, its claim to being "keeper of the nation's con-science."

Some cynics here profess themselves disgusted by the politically-correct completion of Mr Narayanan's candidacy. "By condescendingly ... choosing him," furned the Indian Express, "they pretend to have upheld the social conscience_of

the nation." As compensation for centuries of dire injustice, one presidency doesn't amount to much. But if Mr Narayanan can build on the acclaim with which his candidacy has been greeted and go on to do something about the stink arising from Indian politics, his nation will be grateful.



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Ernest Bettenson

Nature probably intended Ernest Bettenson to be a civil servant but, as he himself put it, the Commissioners felt otherwise and, as he had vague academic ambitions, university administration was a fair compromise.

He came to it in 1947 as Assistant Registrar in charge of the Newcastle office of the federal University of Durham. When, 29 years later, he retired, he had been the last Registrar of the federal university, the last Registrar and Secretary of King's College and the first Registrar of the University of Newcastle tended to be the only visible sign upon Tyne, a combination of first and last appointments which is unlikely to be paralleled.

The origins of Newcastle University go back to 1834 with the establishment of a medical school, which, 18 years later, became the Medical School of Durham University, and in 1870 took the title of College of Medicine. The College of Physical Science (later Armstrong College), also in Newcastle, was founded in 1871. These two independent colleges formed part of Durham University and in 1908 were formally recognised as the Newcastle Division of the university; the Durham colleges formally comprising the "Durham Division". A reconstitution in 1937 merged the two colleges of the "New-castle Division" into King's College. The continued growth of both divisions after 1945 led in 1963 to the dissolution of the federal University of Durham, and to the two divisions' becoming free-standing universities. Bettenson was intimately involved in this process.

The son of an Anglican priest, he was born in 1911. After a purely literary education at St John's School, Leatherhead, and at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he read History, he endured two spells of unemployment and spent a year training for the Cambridge Certificate of Education be-

fore entering local government. His work in the Public Assistance Department of Surrey County Council and then in the wartime Ministry of Supply as a civil servant gave him an unusually varied administrative experience in which he gained a reputation for avoiding interdepartmental jealousies and for always seeking the cooperation of all the parties

interested in a problem. His first assignment after being appointed to Durham University in 1947 was to the Newcastle office. He was soon a feature of the university landscape at Newcastle and, to a lesser extent, at Durham, He regarded himself in relation to his for others he was impartial in academic colleagues somewhat ministers or Members of Par- opments in university adminisliament. The analogy is not ex- tration he tried to work each

duty to advise and caution and intepreted it liberally. He showed skill in summarising the decisions of committees and it became accepted that his interventions as an interested

onlooker were worth attention. Bettenson was appointed Registrar of the federal university in 1952, by which time cracks were appearing in the constitutional fabric as the two divisions expanded. With the Vice-Chancellors being almost Wholly absorbed by their dividuties, the Registrar sional of the university's separate existence, exercising, as Bettenson himself saw it, responsibility without power.

He was appointed Registrar and Secretary of King's College in 1961 and Registrar of the newly constituted University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1963. In the 1961-63 period, therefore, he was engaged in the three simultaneous activities of closing down the federal University of Durham, keeping the existing processes of King's College going, and arranging the new machinery for Newcastle University. He enjoyed the task of



Bettenson: impish

obtaining the necessary legisla-tion and was proud of his part in the preparation of the university's statutes, which have withstood the test of time and continue to serve the university well.

Bettenson became something of an institution at Newcastle. He combined application to the job with a gift for expressing himself in a way that enlivened business. He spent long hours in his office, he lunched in the Senior Common Room, he talked shop incessantly and though he never took papers home he was really never off duty. He considered that only a habit of omnivorous reading

prevented him from becoming excessively narrow in his interests. Colleagues remember him as an accessible person, and while Bettenson had a higher regard for some of his colleagues than his official capacity. Although

in his own words, to clothe it in dignified grammatical language. He held there was no substitute for reasonable men, defined by him as people who shared or understood his point of view.

During the Vice-Chancellorship of Dr Henry Miller, in 1968-76, the university was entertained by the cheerful clash between two different temperaments in a relationship based on mutual disapproval, respect and affection. Bettenson's amusing, affectionate and discerning contribution to Remembering Henry (the published reminiscences of Henry Miller, 1977) is a wonderful example of Bettensonian writing

and bears repeated reading. He enjoyed writing his "historical introduction. The University of Newcastle upon Tyne... 1834-1971, published in 1971, and delivering in that year the two excellent lectures

to mark the centenary of the

founding of the College of Physical Science at Newcastle. In his official life Bettenson was unrepentantly a mixture of contradictions, all solemnity on some occasions and impish informality on others. Much of what he said was reinforced with quotations, literary allusions and illustrative stories or parallels from history. The Bible was an essential tool for staff in

the Registrar's Office.

Bettenson retired in 1976 and the following year the university conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law for which he had refused his name to go forward while in office. In retirement he cultivated his garden with some success, remained an active rambler and environmentalist. and kept in close touch with the university, working on its archives and making his historical services readily available. In 1987 he published The University of Newcastle upon Tyne After 1970 - a Selective View,

covering the years 1970-86. An achievement of which Bettenson was especially proud was the production, also in 1987, of "1937: The Great Divide", an account of the events leading up to the reconstitution of Durham University and the formation of King's College in 1937. He regarded this account (published in the Durham University Journal) as a genuine footnote, however small, to the study of history.

Ernest Marsdon Bettenson, university administrator: born Bolton, Lancashire 29 March 1911; Assistant Registrar, Durham University 1947-52, Registrar 1952-61; Registrar and Secretary, King's College, Durham 1961-63: Revistrar Newcastle



Walter Gotell

gineering companies) and, in

later years, farming.
In John Huston's fine film

version of C.S. Forester's The

African Queen (1951), Gotell

was one of the German seamen

who briefly capture Humphrey

Bogart and Katharine Hep-

burn near the film's climax.

Subsequent Nazi roles includ-

ed Ice-Cold in Alex (1958), Sink the Bismarck! (1960, as an offi-cer on the ill-fated battleship),

The Guns of Navarone (1961).

and a particularly chilling por-

trayal of ruthlessness in The

Boys From Brazil (1978). In

this last bizarre tale of Hitler

clones, he was Mundt, an as-

sassin despatched by Joseph

Mengele (Gregory Peck) to kill the lather of one of the clones.

Recognising the victim (Wolf-

gang Preiss) as an old comrade

from his days in the SS, he tells the man that he has a difficult as-

signment but lies about the iden-

tity of his intended victim. When

his friend assures him that orders

must be obeyed, he hurls the man

the memorable villainess Rosa

Klebb (Lotte Lenya) in the

second and most distinguished

James Bond film, From Russia

With Love (1963), it was Gotell

who, in the opening "teaser" se-quence in which Bond (Sean

As Morzeny, henchman of

over a snow-covered dam.

A familiar figure of authority or menace in over 90 films and countless television shows. Walter Gotell was one of those reliable character players whose faces are well known but whose names are familiar to only a few. His balding, severe countenance made him the perfect KGB chief in several James Bond adventures, and in war films his crooked smile could quickly become a cruel sneer when he portraved a Nazi.

Born in 1934, he went in 1943 straight from acting with a repertory company into films. which were suffering from a dearth of young actors due to the Second World War. His first films all deak with the war - The Day Will Dawn, We Dive at Dawn, Tomorrow We Live, Night Invader (all 1943) and 2000 Women (1944). Deciding to pursue a more secure business career, he gave up acting for several years. A man of strong intellect (he spoke five languages), he was an astute and D. E. T. Nicholson successful businessman, but in 1950 returned to the screen with

and Albert RN. He was to work steadily for University 1963-76 (Emerius); combining acting with business Connery) is apparently assassi- 15 March 1924; twice murried married 1946 Jean Smith; died (he ultimately became busi- nated, peels off the dead man's (two daughters); died 5 May Debatisse: charismatic act, but he thought he had a scheme as it came forward and, Newcastle upon Tyne 3 May 1997. I ness manager of a group of en-mask to reveal that it was more-

small roles in The Wooden Horse

(a rare sympathetic, if enig-

matic, role as a member of the

French resistance). Cairo Road

ly a double being used in a lethal training exercise for a Spectre

In the first Bond film to star Roger Moore, The Spy Who Loved Me (1977), Gotell had a more prominent role as the KGB chief General Gogol, a role he continued to play in other Bond films, including Moonraker (1979), For Your Eyes Only (1981), Octopussy (1983), A View to a Kill (1985) and the first Bond to star Timothy Dalton.

The Living Daylights (1987).
Gotell's prolific television work included the recurring role of Chief Constable Cullen in the popular BBC crime series Sofily, Sofily: Task Force, which ran for 131 episodes from 1970 to 1976. He was also featured in the mini-series The Scarlet and the Black (1983), in which Gregory Peck played his first dramatic role on television as a real-life Vatican official who aided escaped prisoners of war

in Nazi-occupied Rome. Gotell's last films included the fantasy Wings of Fame (1990) with Peter O'Toole and Colin Firth, and the hit comedy The Pope Must Die (1991). In recent years he had devoted more time to his farm in Ireland.

Tom Vallance

Michel Debatisse

On 27 May 1968, the agricul-tural trade union leader Michel Debatisse was in the depths of the French countryside when he received an urgent message from the Elysée Palace. General de Gaulle wished to see him the following afternoon at four o'clock. This was a puzzling invitation because the 1968 crisis was at its height. François Mitterrand was proclaiming himself head of a provisional govern-ment and the Communist Party had planned a massive demonstration which would culminate in a rally in the neighbourhood of the Elysée, But Debatisse did not hesitate to present himself at the time

requested. For more than an hour, as Debatisse recounted in his book Le Projet Paysan (1983), the General explained that everything was lost; the internal and external enemies of France had joined forces and that there was nothing he could do. Debatisse claims that he told de Gaulle that he was wrong, the country looked to him: only he could save France from this disaster. As he left he urged de Gaulle to act, to speak to the nation. The General put his hand on Debatisse's shoulder and said, "Eh,

bien! Debatisse, je parlerai."
What the General said was much the same as he was to say to General Massu, in his mysterious flight to Baden Baden the next day. But why did he choose to use this language to Debatisse? One answer is that, at this time of crisis, de Gaulle wished to avoid the politicians who surrounded him and wished to contact the profound forces of France. In his eyes this meant the army (hence his meeting with Massu). And also the peasant. the traditional backbone of the

country. Hence Debatisse. Michel Debatisse, who died in Palladuc, the small village in the Auvergne where he was born, was an unusually fine representative of the peasantry. He was born in rural poverty. one of seven children in a small farm. It was a coincidence that in the same year, 1929, the Jeunesse Agricole Catholique was founded on the initiative of the Jesuits. What was originally a movement with an evangelical intention became a



Photograph: Hulton Getty

movement for the reform of agriculture. As one of its leaders put it, charity must become technical. It was as a young militant in this movement that Debatisse became prominent in French public life, eventually becoming the creator and the leader of the Centre National des Jeunes Agriculteurs and the President of the Fédération Nationale des Syndicats des Exploitants Agricoles.

One always hears about revolutions in France and there is never agreement about whether they are or are not taking place. But one revolution that has taken place is the agricultural revolution and it was led by men such as Debatisse and first explained in public by him in his 1963 book La Revolution Silencieuse. One no longer talks about peasants, one talks about "agriculteurs". One was born a peasant but one has to learn how to be an agriculteur. From being the majority of the national population and forming a world apart, as depicted in the works of Zola and Giono, those engaged in agriculture form only 6 per cent of the active copulation, but they are fully inte-grated in French political and

economic society. Debatisse saw the impor-tance of the Common Market for French agriculture and he was in close contact with Edgard Pisani. the minister responsible for negotiating the ommon Agricultural Policy in the 1960s. He was the only trade union leader to be regu larly received by de Gaulle, and he exploited the Auvergne connection in order to remain close friends with Giscard d'Estaing. He became Secretary of State in the last government of his Presidency, being responsible for the agro-alimentary section of the economy to the prime minister Raymond Barre. He was also for a time a mem-

ber of the European Parliament. Although he represented the modern stand in French agriculture, Debatisse was a master of the traditional methods of protestation, leading many demonstrations. He was the first to lead his followers to protest outside the Communist Buildings in Brussels, and he led the first massive demonstration against President Mitterrand

in March 1982. From 1989 to 1995 he was the director of the milk-producing co-operative Sodiaal and at the time of his final illness was assisting the minister of agriculture in the Juppé government to prepare a new law of agricultural orientation. He was a charismatic leader who early understood the necessity for

change in rural France.

Douglas Johnson born Palladuc, Puy-de-Dôme, France 1 April 1929; died Palladuc 11 June 1997.

Lev Kopelev



While the latter years of the Soviet regime saw countless cases of former hardline Communists who reconstructed themselves as would-be former liberals, if not outright dissidents. Lev Kopelev belonged to the group whose dissident creden-

tials could never be in doubt. Born in Kiev in 1912, he was a fanatical Communist in his youth and an ardent participant in the collectivisation campaign of the late 1920s and early 1930s, when thousands of young Bolshevik activists roamed the villages to persuade, cajole and, if all else failed, with military force terrorise the peasants

collective farms.

He graduated from the Moscow Foreign Languages Institute as a specialist in German and during the Second World War served as a propaganda officer among German prisoners. Like many other in-tellectuals who erroneously believed that the end of the war signalled a relaxation of the regime's mind control, he uttered critical remarks about the barbarism of the Red Army in occupied Germany, and was arrested and sentenced to 10 years in the camps. In a KGB

camp-within-a-camp reserved

and poet, 1887; Errol Flynn, actor, 1909. Deaths: Willem Barents, ex-

plorer, in the Arctic, 1597; Carl

Friedrich Abel, viola player and composer, 1787; Jules-Alfred Huot

de Goncourt, writer. 1870; Francis-

co (Pancho) Villa (Doroteo Arango),

South American revolutionary, as-

sassinated 1923. On this day: the first

throne, 1837; a new Tay Railway

Bridge was opened for public traffic,

1887: greyhound racing was com-menced at the White City, London.

the United States agreed to institute

House and the Kremfin, 1963: Sheila

Scott arrived at London Airport af-

ter being the first Briton to make a

round-the-world solo flight, 1966, To-

day is the Feast Day of St Adalbert

John Gavan, St Silverius, Pope.

National Gallery: Rebecca Drew, "Moons (iii): Turner, The Fighting

lemeraire' tugged to her Last Benh to

Victoria and Albert Museum: Fran-

cis Pugh, "British Design Between the Wars", 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Sarah O'Brien Twohig.

"Ellsworth Kelly: intuition, sensual-

ity and abstract Classicism", 1pm.

Lectures

be broken up", 1pm.

into pooling their resources in for scientists – a sharashka – he met another future pillar of the Soviet dissident movement, Alexander Solzhenitsyn; later he served as the model for the character of Rubin in Solzhenitsyn's

1969 novel The First Circle. Kopelev was released in 1956 and as a labour of love took on the task of getting Solzhenitsvn's work published. In 1962 he showed the manuscript of One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich to Alexander Tvardovsky. editor-in-chief of the magazine Novy Mir and harbinger of change in cultural, if not general, policy during the 1960s. It

was feeling the pressure mounting from the reactionary Stalinist elements in the leadership and One Day served the purpose of reinforcing the policy of de-Stalinisation that he had launched in his famous "secret speech" of February 1956. If anything, its publication prob-ably had the opposite effect: while in the West this event was interpreted as a sign of liberalisation, inside the Soviet Union it only added to the already long list of "errors" that would be used against Khrushchev when he was ousted in October 1964 and the Brezhnev era of was at this time that Khrushchev retrenchment was ushered in.

white beard and rabbinical appearance, seems not to have taken an active interest in the movement for Jewish emigration which would snowball after 1970. but in 1965 he signed a protest against the arrest and trial of the samizdat writers Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel, and was thereafter a prominent activist in the human rights movement. associated with such luminaries as Andrei Sakhaniv, Pavel Litvinov. Alexander Ginzburg and General Peter Grigorenko, as well as Solzhenitsyn fumselt. Expelled from the Party in

Kopeley, with his patriarchal the West, (belatedly) warning of a resurgence of Stalinism, and for letters in support of Sakharov and Solzhenitsyn, Kopclev began publishing articles and books, again in the West, on the horrors of collectivisation and the Gulag. In particular, his work on the camps, To Be Preserved Forever ("Vechno khranit", the stamp on every political prisoner's dossier), aroused considerable interest when it was published in the West in 1976. In 1977 he was expelled from the Union of Soviet Writers, which meant he could no longer publish inside the Sovi-

off from all legal means of employment and sources of income. In November 1980 he and his wife, Raisa Orlova, a literary critic, were permitted to leave the Soviet Union, ostensibly so that he could continue scientific research in West Germany but, since they were both stripped of their Soviet citizenship in 1981, they had effectively been deported from

their native land.

Harry Shukman Lev Zinovievich Kopelev; writer: horn Kiev 1912; married Raisa Orlava (died 1989); died Cologne

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

HOUSE: To Richard and Catherine, a son. Luca Thomas Eldridge, 13 June 1997. STORMER: On 17 June 1997, to Frances (née Awdry) and Simon, a son, Fergus Alexander, a brother for

DEATHS

BOYCOTT-BROWN: On 12 June 1997. aged 75 years, Peggy Lesley, much-loved mother of Simon, Herun and Hughie, Funeral Service at Middleton Parish Church, Suffolk, on Tues-day 24 June at 11 am. Donations, made payabel to Alzhenner's Disease Society, c/o Tony Brown's Funeral Service, New Cut, Sammedham, Soffolk. HUBBARD: Peacchilly at home on 17 June 1997. Deborah Elaine, aged 34. Much-loved wife of Robin. devoted and Madge Campbell, and sister of Anchie and Madge Campbell, and sister of Angela and Claire. Sorely missed by all. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service at Shere Church, Surrey, on 12 July at noon. Family flowers only. Donations to the Dr M. Brada Re-search Fund may be sent to Sheriock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

PAPPE: On 18 June, peacefully, in a Hove nursing home. Dr Vera, PhD, aged 89 years. Dearly loved wife of Hellmn. Private family cremation. All enquries to Attree and Kent Funer-

IN MEMORIAM BROUGHTON: Sandy, Love and miss

Birthdays

The Duchess of Gloucester, 51: Pro-fessor William Balchin, geographer. 81: Sir Brian Barder, former High Commissioner to Australia, 63; Professor Arthur Bell, former Director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. 71: Lord Brightman, former Judge of Appeal, 86; Dame Catherine Cookson, novelist, 91; Miss Wendy Craig, actress, 63; The Earl of Cranbrook, chairman. English Nature, 64; Brigadier Jill Field, former Director. municipal fire brigade in Britain was founded at Beverley, Yorkshire, 1726; 147 people were confined in the cell later called the Black Hole of Cal-Defence Nursing Services, 63; Mr Stephen Frears, film director, 56; Mr cutta, from which only 23 came out alive, 1756; in France, a revolution-David French, former director, Reary mob invaded the Tuileties, 1792; late, 50; Mr Ronald Hines, actor. 68; Mr Richard Hornby, former chair-man, Halifax Building Society, 75; Mr on the death of her uncle, William IV. Queen Victoria ascended the Alan Lamb, cricketer, 43; Mr Scottie McClue, broadcaster, 41; Mr Stanley Metcalfe, former chairman, Ranks Hovis McDougall. 65; Sir 1927; the Battle of the Philippine Sea ended, 1944; the Soviet Union and David Mitchell, former MP, 69: Mr Johnny Morris, broadcaster, 81; Sir Antony Pilkington, former chaira "hot line" between the White man, Pilkington plc, 62; Mr Paul Ramirez, tennis player, 44; Mr Lionel Richie, singer and songwriter, 48; Mr Budge Rogers, rugby player, 58; Professor Sir Richard Southwood, of Magdeburg. St Bain or Bagnus. St Goban. Saints John Fenwick and

zoologist, and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University, 66; Mr John Taylor, musician, 37; Miss Claire Tomalin, writer, 64; Sir Haydn Tudor Evans, former High Court judge, 77; The Right Rev John Waine, former Bishop of Chelmsford, 67; Mr Brian Wilson, musician, 56.

Anniversaries Births: John Cleveland, poet, bap-tised 1613: Anna Letitia Barbauld (Aikin), poetess, teacher and hymnwriter, 1743; Jacques Offenbach (Jakob Levy Eberst), composer, 1819: George Edmund Street, ar-

chitect, 1824; Kurt Schwitters, artist Luncheons

Ministry of Defence Mr George Robertson MP. Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday in Lan-caster House, London SW1, in honour of General George Joulwan. Nato Supreme Allied Commander

Receptions Board of Deputies of British Jews The Board of Deputies of British Jews held a farewell reception yes-terday at Commonwealth House, London WC1, in honour of Arch-bishop Luigi Barharito, Apostolic Nuncio. Mr Aubrey Rose, Vice-President of the Board, and Sir Sigmund Sternberg were the speakers.

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be

held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 9.07pm.

United Synagogues: 0181-343 8989. United Synagogues: 0181-343 8989. Federation of Synagogues: 0181-202 2263, Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Reform Synagogues of Great Britain: 0181-3-9 4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London Synagogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1026.

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Princess Royal takes the saket at the Gran Day Parade at Queen Victoria School, Dupblane Perila has

Changing of the Guard The Household Carairy Mounted Regin grants the Queen's Life Guard at Floor Gua

BCCI employees could claim for stigma loss Malik and Another v Bank of Credit

(in compulsory liquidation); House of Lards (Lord Golf of Chieveley, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. Lord Mustill, Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead and Lord Stevn) 12 June 1997

Where an employer was in breach of the implied trust and confidence term in a contract of employment, and as a consequence an employee's future employment prospects were adversely affected, the em-

ployee could claim damages. The House of Lords allowed the appeal against the decision of the Court of Appeal that the appellants had no reasonable cause of action against the respondents.

The appellants were both employed by BCCI in London. and lost their jobs when the bank collapsed in 1991. They claimed damages in the winding up for "stigma" loss, claiming that their association with BCCI had placed them at a serious disadvantage in finding

new jobs. A trial of the preliminary issue, whether their evidence disclosed a reasonable cause of action or sustainable claim for damages, was directed. Eldred Tabachink QC and Andrew

1968 for an article, published in et Union, and was thus also cut

Stafford (Manches & Cor for the appellants; Patrick I has QC and Christopher Jeans (Levell White Durant) for the respondents,

Lord Nicholls said that it had been assumed for the purpose of the preliminary issue that the bank had operated in a corrupt and dishonest manner, that the appellants were innocent of any involvement, that following the collapse of BCCI its corruption and dishonesty had become widely known, that in consequence the appellants had been handicapped in the labour market because they had been stigmatised by reason of

their previous employment by BCCI, and that they had suffered loss in consequence. It was also agreed that the appellants' contracts of employment each contained an implied term to the effect that the bank would not, without reasonable and proper cause, conduct itself seriously damage the relation-

ship of confidence and trust between employer and employee. An employee who only learnt of the trust-destroying conduct the adverse impact on the emafter the employment contract

LAW REPORT

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had ended for other reasons ought to be entitled to damages. The losses suffered might, exceptionally, not be confined to loss of pay and other premature

termination losses. The crucial point in the present appeals was whether continuing financial losses were recoverable (or breach of the trust and confidence term. If it was reasonably foreseeable. then in principle damages in respect of the loss should be

recoverable. The contrary argument was that, since the purpose of the trust and confidence term was to preserve the employment relationship, the losses recoverable for breach should be confined to those flowing from the premature termination of the relationship. That was an un-

acceptably narrow evaluation of the trust and confidence term. That approach brought one face to face with the decision in in a manner likely to destroy or the wrongful dismissal case of Addis v Grunophone Co Ltd. [1909] AC 488, which was generally regarded as having decided that any loss suffered by

ployee's chances of obtaining al-

ternative employment was to be excluded from an assessment of

damages for wrongful dismissal. The observations made in Addis v Gramophone Co Lid could not be read as precluding the recovery of damages where the manner of dismissal involved a breach of the trust and confidence term, and that caused financial loss. The case was decided in the days before that implied term had been adumbrated. Now that the term existed and was normally implied in every contract of employment, damages for its breach should be assessed in

accordance with ordinary contractual principles. It had been submitted that that appellants' claims for damages to their existing reputations were barred by the decision in Withers v General Theatre Corporation Ltd [1933] 2 KB 536, but there was a conflict between that case and Marbe v George Edwardes (Daly's Theatre) Ltd [1928] 1 KB 269. Marbe was to be preferred, as the views expressed

in that case accorded better with principle. The appeals would be allowed. The agreed set of facts

disclosed a good cause of action. Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

the leader page

Hague's big challenge – unity and, er, ideas

the case for William Hague was was a disaster. This staged event was easier to set out at the start of the Conservative leadership election than at the end of it. Although this newspaper's sympathies leant towards Kenneth Clarke, it was possible to give Mr Hague the benefit of the doubt. There was an uncertainty in his manner and a nagging question of what he stood for, but it could be imagined that these would be overcome as he grew in confidence. He seemed intelligent, relatively open-minded and, above all, he appeared to recognise the scale of the challenge presented by New Labour. It was Mr Hague who wrote an article in the Spectator which would not have looked out of place in the New Statesman under a Tony Blair byline, circa 1994. Mr Hague's youth alone cast him more convincingly than Mr Clarke as the man to modernise the Tory party.

That, then, was the case for Mr Hague some weeks ago. But he did not have a smooth leadership campaign. The election tested him and found out some of his weaknesses. His spatchcocked deal with Michael Howard at the start could have been passed off either as evidence of an attractive modesty or as an impressively subtle feint. But then a series of mistakes, particularly in his handling of the European issue - the only policy issue of the campaign - betrayed an uncertain pair of hands and conveyed a muddled message. The Thatcher endorsement

deemed necessary by the public relations advisers as a response to the Clarke-Redwood "instability pact", but the judgement was faulty. To have the candidate of the "fresh start" endorsed by the Undead Baroness, still keening for a seven-year-old betrayal unavenged, made no sense. It means Mr Hague's leadership is in bock to the past, because Lady Thatcher and her dwindling band of torch-carriers will always be able to claim that it was she who pushed him over the finishing line. He managed to start as the unity candidate and ended as the candidate of division, with nearly half of his colleagues feeling excluded. In spite of the unexpectedly large

margin of Mr Hague's victory, the outcome does not seem decisive. Mr Hague has not yet won the confidence of the party in the country (let alone that of the wider electorate). He will be overshadowed in the Commons by the sulking beasts of the backbenches, Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine. And the only force that will keep many Tory MPs in the party at all will be the prospect of another leadership election on a different franchise. Paradoxically, it was John Redwood who declared (before his Faustian pact with Mr Clarke): "The only way to end the Conservative civil war is to settle which side has won." Well, Euroscepticism has won, but it will not end the civil war. Most likely there



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will be another leadership election, in which party members will probably have a say on the basis of one member, one vote, like the Labour Party. That election may not resolve anything unless other strong candidates have come into Parliament in the meantime - Portillo, perhaps, or Patten?

Yesterday's vote told us little about how the party will deal with the historic defeat it suffered on I May. Will it respond, as Labour did in 1979, when it suffered a much lesser defeat, by intensifying its internal struggle? Or will it copy Labour's response to the catastrophic defeat of 1983, which saw

the start of a 14-year Long March back to connecting with the people. Yesterday, it was as if Tory MPs saw the dangers of voting for the equivalent of a joint ticket of Roy Hattersley and Tony Benn. But they voted for an unknown quantity instead.

The challenge facing the Tory party is to modernise its ideology and organisation. It needs a revolution if anything more dramatic than that achieved by Mr Blair with the Labour Party if it is to have any chance of competing on equal terms at the next election. Mr Hague will no doubt make a quick start on establishing central control of presentation and candidate selection. He may even be able to build some bridges to the One Nation wing of the party a tougher task, that. But there is a big hole where the ideas should be that will reconnect the party with the voters.

Of course, the question of the Tory party's future seems distantly irrelevant in the face of a dynamic new Labour government which has much to do and 10 or 15 years in which to do it. But strength of opposition matters to democracy. This is not a pious argument dreamt up to justify coverage of the Tory drama. For now, of course, Mr Blair can do no wrong (although we have our doubts about the Millennium Dome) and the main role for the Tory party is to provide an entertaining sideshow. But there will come a time when New Labour's authoritarian streak will demand to be challenged.

This newspaper argued that Mr Clarke would be better placed not just to stand up to Mr Blair but to rebuild the party as a broad-based political force. Above all, our argument rested on the assumption that, if the Tory party drives itself into an isolationist position on the European question, it will split and put itself out of range of the real con-

cerns of British politics for a long time. The real issues that face politicians in the next decade are those of preserving social cohesion in the face of global economic pressures, technological change and environmental

degradation. The Labour government has placed itself across the full breadth of voters' concerns on these issues, while the Conservatives have next to nothing to say. Mr Hague has probably about a year in which to establish his authority, by developing a convincing plot for the party's recovery. He started on a good note last night. with a generous appeal for inclusive politics within his party. Wish him well, for the sake of a healthy democracy but wait and see before deciding whether he can pull it off.

A Noddy in the wrong direction

The Enid Blyton rehabilitation pro-L ceeds apace. Rumour has it that her books are even stocked in public libraries again. And we report today that the Toytown One - aka Noddy - has finally been exonerated of all charges of racism, sexism and incitement to violence. According to an analysis by a New Zealand mathematician, very little crime in Toytown is committed by golliwogs, and Tessie Bear is a fine role-model for girls. Of course, this analysis would be conducted by a mathematician. No one with any feeling for language could overlook the fact that Noddy and Big Ears stories are feeble and worthless.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

IRA plan to trump the Orange card

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> Sir: I welcome the view expressed in your leading article today "The political challenge of another Irish outrage" (18 June) that efforts should be made in due course to persevere with the "conversation over Northern Ireland's future". Peaceful negotiation is the only

Before we reach that point however there are clearly obstacles to be overcome - not least that posed by the recent IRA killings. These have provoked widespread Without seeking to justify them I think however that a cruel logic consistent with Northern Ireland's brutal political traditions can be

The killings were a deliberate provocation designed to bring about a yet more confrontational rerun of Drumcree last year. The IRA, in my view, want to see how this government will react to a concerted show of Unionist force. Will it cave in or will it uphold the rule of law?

I believe the IRA perceive Northern Ireland to be built ultimately on the threat of generalised Unionist violence, a threat repeated at crucial times in its history - 1913, 1922, 1974, 1996. This is what is meant by the Orange

The IRA want to know whether something has now been put together that can trump that card. They must reason that this is the essential question and that until it has been put and answered clearly no meaningful progress can be made. That is why they are willing to sacrifice Sinn Fein's position at the negotiating table, at least for now. They will have anticipated the breaking-off of contact between Sinn Fein and the British government and accepted it as a

price worth paying.
This government has not really put a foot wrong over Northern Ireland. They succeeded in putting the ball in the court of the IRA. The IRA have now taken a decision to return it by setting the

government a test.

Abject though the circumstances are, the clarity with which these "messages" can be discerned is nevertheless to be welcomed. It is a very hard game that the IRA are playing. But that is the nature of politics in the province, or at least it

has been. The IRA calculate that they can start the famous peace-train any time they like and that the British government will not be in a position to react to the indignity of being put through hoops by permanently excluding them.

It is a strategy of mayhem, but it is a strategy. NICK MARTIN-CLARK London WC1

Sir. Perhaps Dr Mo Mowlam, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, could seek advice from Nelson Mandela, who faced a similar problem to that posed by

In his case, it was the Zulus who Drumcree. insisted on asserting their ancient tribalism by parading through the streets wearing fur hats and carrying clubs and spears. regardless of the risk of violence

and death. In Drumcree, although it's bowler hats, brollies and cloth horse-collars, the attitudes and risks are the same. LEONARD PRIDE Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire



Urban louts, rural hunters

Sir: Is Polly Toynbee ("Labour should go to earth on fox-hunting". 16 June) seriously putting forward the argument that because methods of food production (animal farming) are so horrendous it is hypocritical to abhor other inhumane practices? I think the telling phrase in her article is "They [fox-hunters] are people out enjoying themselves."

I have yet to hear an inhumane

farmworker, transporter or slaughterer admit to this. "Animal sentimentalists" are already aware that many hound pups are "surplus to requirement" each season and that hounds have fulfiled their useful purposes to the hunts well in advance of their normal lifespan, at which point they are dispatched, often in the most barbaric fashion.

If Ms Toynbee imagines that racehorses are found cosy barracks in bunt quarters I suggest that she speaks to one of the many equine charities, who will confirm that thousands of racehorses each year are sent off to abartoirs or to end their days in wretched riding establishments.

Inhumanity exists in all classes. The difference is that if a group of louts from an inner-city housing estate bunts down, terrifies, and tortures an animal to death they are roundly condemned. If a group of "countryfolk" form a group and call themselves "a hunt" some gullible souls will accept their behaviour as traditional and romantic and therefore quite acceptable. That is the only respect in which this is a class issue. ANNA FARLOW London NW22

Sir: As Polly Toynbee has pointed out, the most powerful argument in defence of hunting is human freedom. The rejection by Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs of any Bill to ban hunting will be a means of forging a left/right consensus on

Many supporters of country sports on the right are not sympathetic to abortion and gay rights, and are suspicious of press freedom. A decision by Parliament not to interfere in the rights of hunting people will be an important lesson to right-wingers that minority rights are as important to them as to homosexuals and women

with unwanted pregnancies. Parliament has no business legislating on such a matter. P E SHIRLEY London W6

Sir: Why so mealy-mouthed? A ban on fox-hunting will not merely deprive the hound pictured on your front page (17 June) of his livelihood, but of his life. There will be no place for the 60,000-odd hounds that make up the packs of England. They will not find cosy homes in someone's house; they are pack animals, trained over centuries for one purpose: to follow and kill as quickly as possible (vastly quicker than a snare, or a shotgun wielded by a lousy shot) an animal which does much harm and hitle good to the countryside, however enchanting it may be as a cub.

The hounds cannot become pets.

They will all be killed. Imagine how,

CORNELIA STARKS

Donnington, Gloucestershire

Love conquers religious divide

Sir: Twenty-two years ago I faced a similar dilemma to Danni and Larry ("At the crossroads where races collide", 18 June). I, a white Jewess, fell in love with an Asian Muslim. Initial family opposition was overcome, but harder to overcome was my own religious and cultural conditioning, which had never prepared me for such a challenge

We married after much soulearching, knowing that to do so might hurt those close to us. Our marriage, 22 years later, is still going strong. My in-laws treat me as a daughter and my own parents, while they were alive, grew to love my husband deeply. We have two healthy and balanced teenage sons. Like any married couple, we have had to make compromises, but we have always respected and supported each other's identity. My husband joins in with many of my traditions and I support him in his

observance. I still see myself as a Jew, and my husband as a Muslim. There are many rituals I practice and many I don't, but I don't feel that this would necessarily have been different if I had married another Jew. Indeed, many of my Jewish friends are totally nonobservant. It hasn't always been plain sailing. Organisations that promote the dialogue between religions do exist. We have attended a fascinating series of Jewish/Muslim lectures organised by Calamus, a Muslim

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organisation, and we have also looked at interfaith issues within a

Reform Synagogue setting.

I feel privileged to have had a window into a different culture and I'm sure my husband feels likewise. My life has been enriched by it. In this age of increased marital disharmony, surely what is most important is that two people love and respect each other and despite differences determine to make their marriage a success. Mrs SUE DOSSA Croydon,

Lessons of the CB battle

Sir: Further to the arguments for and against mobile phones, I remember in the early Seventies trying to get CB radio accepted as a

legal form of communication. The government of the day's stance was that a driver could not be seen to be in control of the vehicle while using in-car communications. ČB then, however, was not seen as something which could be profitable; it was relatively nexpensive and there was no way of taxing the talk time. Mobile phones are at least as distracting as CB was but generate revenue for business and the Treasury. It would seem, yet again, that the hypocrisy. of profit leads where common sense is refused entry. TJONES

Newcastle upon Tyne

June), giving credibility to

damaging claims about cod liver oil.
Last month the Government's Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment published a review of the levels of oxins in food, breast milk and fish oils. It reported that, in common

Falling dioxins

Sir: You published material taken

from a press announcement issued

by Friends of the Earth (report, 16

in cod liver oil

with all other foods, fish oils contain a level of contamination. However, it was noted that overall levels of PCBs and dioxins in foods, human breast milk and fish oils are falling. The daily intake from human breast milk can be up to 15 times that from cod liver oil. At the time of publication, Sir

Kenneth Calman, Chief Medical Officer, confirmed that the levels in fish oils "are very unlikely to pose a risk to the health of breast-fed infants, toddlers, schoolchildren or achilts".

TOM HARDMAN Director, Seven Seas Ltd. НиЦ

Still surly

Sir. The competition of high-street banks and building societies has reached such heights that counterstaff civility borders alarmingly on sycophancy. It is refreshing to note that the Post Office still offers oldfashioned surliness, leaving one in no doubt that the customer is the inconvenience. Long may their queues remain, er ... long. ROBERT A BROWN Greenford, Middlesex

Stonehenge: close the road

Sir: It is very regrettable that the Millennium Commission has refused to support the project for creating a millennium park around Stonehenge. By general agreement Stonehenge is our prime national monument, and its proper conservation and presentation should be a top priority for all the agencies involved. Unfortunately, the failure of these agencies to agree on a satisfactory scheme for the presentation of the monument has provided the Commission with a good reason for withholding

It must be hoped that, now we designing presentation of the monument commensurate with its importance, some of the agencies involved can be persuaded to take the actions which have so far jeopardised the whole enterprise. This means, first, that the A344 past the monument must be closed: second, that the A303 trunk road must at least be placed in a tunnel sufficiently long to screen it from the monument – both of which measures involve firm decisions by the Department of Transport - and third, that the Ministry of Defence must be persuaded to vacate those parts of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site which it continues to

occupy.

If these three steps could be taken, all need not be lost and the presentation of this outstanding but much abused national monument could still be brought up to the international standards it requires before the beginning of the next millennium. R A BUCHANAN Emeritus Professor of the History of Technology University of Bath

Tow-rags and acrobatic toes

Sir: Walter Roberts ("Grammarians weep! The bell tolls for 'whom'", 14 June) suggests that "toe-rag" is derived, phonetically from Taureg.

Surely the original phrase always included the adjective "dirty" and comes from "dirty tow-rag" - tow rags being used by engineers to apply grease to the mechanical parts of their machines. A dirty tow-rag is obviously something that is singularly unattractive, not to say repellant. Dr IAN KBLOOR Kinsey Heath, Cheshire

Sir: John Appleton's letter (18 June) referring to the use of towrags to clear up messes in hospitals reminds me of a wartime incident involving a nervous young hospital orderly in the Friends Ambulance Unit

This young man, new to work on the wards (where apparently tow was still in use instead of toilet paper), was embarrassed to hear a hoarse whisper from behind the bed curtains asking for paper. In his embarrassment he ignored it, as he did two or three further requests. Finally he blurted out "use your tow", provoking the swift and angry reply "I'm not a bloody acrobat". GILBERT WOOD Roydon, Essex

Sir: Surely every grammarian knows that the expression "toerag" was coined by the scriptwriting team of the ITV series Minder as euphemistic rhyming slang for "slag". JOHN MITCHELL Hertford

have made the British economy

the most dynamic in Western

Europe and the fastest gener-

ator of employment; and at

punishing a Conservative Party

which, under the mediocre

leadership of John Major, had

been held captive by a handful

of ultra-nationalists (Redwood,

Portillo, Lilley) whose dema-

gogy might well have provoked

a definitive break between the

United Kingdom and the

European Union, which now

absorbs 60 per cent of British

France bear witness to the con-fusion and lurching disorien-tation of a society which, for 20 years now, has been swinging

from left to right and from right to left, each swing ending

in frustration, because of poli-

cies that have been systemati-

cally aggravating unemploy-

ment, social burdens, taxes,

and the weakness of French

enterprise in competitive world

markets, and attenuating the

international influence of

France. It is this failure of the

two great ideological currents

conservative and socialist

which has made possible the

alarming growth of extremist,

manifest in the increased vote

has no explanation other than

the anachronism and cow-

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The electoral results in

The disaster striking France

t is a serious mistake to equate the victory of the Socialist Lionel The nation's Jospin and his plural decadence has no left alliance tradical socialists, communists and other explanation Labour victory of Tony Blair in Britain which put an end to 18 years of Conservative government.
This last was a sensible decithan the anachronism sion by the voters of the United Kingdom, aimed at guaranteeand cowardice of ing the liberal reforms that

by Mario Vargas Llosa

her political class

and, within this class, of an illiberal right. Having won the most crushing majority ever enjoyed by any government in the Fifth Republic, the right did not dare to make a single one of the basic reforms in the economic and social structure (those which from 1979 on, Mrs Thatcher had made in Britain) required to modernise France and enable her to enter the 21st century through the front door.

That is why France still has the largest, most interventionist state and the most rigid labour laws in Europe, which explains why unemployment is 13 per cent, while Britain's is only 6 per cent - and a scale of taxation so heavy that its "black economy" has been burgeon-

ing to Italian proportions.

Why should the voters have granted the renewed mandate Chirac desired of them when, in four years of government by the right, they have been frustrated for the Front National of Le
Pen (15 per cent).
The decadence of France

The decadence of France promised to increase employment and reduce taxes, assure

welfare state, while defending the "French identity" against the diluting or dissolving influ-ence of globalisation. As those promises were incompatible. he did not keep them; and as the last straw, amused himself by setting off a few atomic bombs at Mururoa atoli in a costly and ridiculous operation.

It was soon evident to the whole world and to the French themselves that the right was opposed to liberalism; and that when accused of being "ultra-liberal" or "Thatcherite" it was prone to panic and fell to gesturing confusedly, denying in its deeds what in the speeches of its leaders it aimed to be doing.

irst Balladur then Juppé talked of the need to privatise the public sector, but the mere mention of privatisation sparkled a reaction from the trade unions. They backed down immediately every time, and came near to apologising for their rashness. So it is one or the other; either they never really believed in the need for these ardice of her political class growth and to reinforce the reforms, or their irresolution

and tactical opportunism outweighed their convictions. I am inclined to believe there was a little of both. Largely on account of Gaulist nationalism and its cult of the big state, liberalism was always something of an exotic flower on the

French right.
The oddest thing is to read how, according to observers in the politically correct press worldwide, Chirac and his party have been dethroned on account of their "ultra-liberal policies". Which ones? Has not France, now, a prebendary system even more obese than if did under Mitterrand? Have "social services" increased or diminished since that time? How many significant public companies have been transferred to the private sector in the past four years? The regulationism and interventionism that strangle French economic and institutional life - have these jungle vines been dealt even one chop of the liberal machete? Are taxes lower or higher? Has one twig of the

bureaucracy been pruned? If these are ultra-liberal policies, then what word should we use for those that braked and reversed the decline of the British economy in the 1980s. opening it to world and returning to private business the responsibility for creating wealth, which had been expropriated by the bureaucrat and the politico?

How many new proprietors have Messrs Balladur and Juppé created? In Britain, thanks to privatisation, several million were created in under 15 years, allowing a massive spread of shareholding among consumers and giving reality and meaning to the notion of "popular capitalism". Fortunately, there now exists - as in Chile and New Zealand, where similar liberal revolutions have taken place - a consensus shared by Conservative and Labour. Has anything remotely similar been done in France?

In Britain, any real liberal would have voted for Blair so as to curb the nationalism which, like a poisonous tumour, had proliferated in the councils of the Tory party. icopardising the achievements of its governments. Blair's merit consisted in the renewal of the Labour Party, putting it abreast of the UK's impressive transformation and, even more - a real dialectical leap - turning it into the best guarantor of those changes that have so wonderfully rejuvenated and energised a country which, only 20 years back, seemed as somnambulant and backward as France today.

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which still believes in the entrepreneurial role of the state, distrusts private business and defends public social security and a captive labour market. New Labour has opted resolutely for market policies and private enterprise, renouncing nationalisation and admitting that the best way to speed job

creation is with a flexible labour market French socialism - still seasoned with cultural and economie nationalism - views interdependence and globalisation with sullen resentment and distrust. "Dehumanised" was the word used by Jospin in one of his campaign speeches. New Labour, on the other hand, welcomes the phenomenon as an opportunity for poor countries to emerge from poverty, and for the prosperous ones to reach new levels of development and civilisation.

records

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11.00pm. Man playing

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show repeat.

And thus Labour defends a pro-European policy (moderated by legitimate concerns about the directive and bureaucratic bent with which Brussels has been infected by so many socialist governments).

Inder Blair, Labour has gone so far as to admit that in the field of education - the last bastion of socialist and social-democrat ideological statism - it might be healthy, democratic and efficient for there to be competition between the public and private sectors and to give parents greater freedom of choice. If this is still "socialism", then who needs liberal parties? The fact is that Blair's win has been a signal vindication of Thatcher: blunt proof that the courageous reforms she brought to pass are now irreversible - an inheritance which British society as a whole has made its own.

was uncontaminated by his participation in the Mitterrand government, when so many had their fingers in the cashbox and frugality are beyond all doubt. He has not bought a new car in 10 years, and still lives in the modest flat he had when he was a schoolteacher. However, his programme of government, if does not betray his voters by doing the exact opposite of what he promised (which would be a lesser evil for the country). will add a new burden to the

Blair but his opposite, a relic of

the 19th century at the end of

the 20th. He is a good and

candid soul, whose honesty - he

call "the crisis" Among other fairy tales, Jospin has promised to create 700 (OK) jobs with public money.

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chronic slump of France and

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have become accustomed to

state resources on artificial jobs not only fails to solve unemployment but rather aggravates economic and social problems. He also proposes to "reform" Maastricht so that the criteria of monetary and fiscal orthodoxy may afford more room to "policies of solidarity" - a fair phrase which, in the first week of his government, caused a general slump in European stock markets, and visible signs of investment withdrawal from France. At this rate we shall soon see, as in the two first years of the presidency of Mit-terrand, prudent French savers scurrying to Swiss banks and tax paradises further abroad.

With great conviction. Jospin has promised he will put an "end" to privatisation - as if there had been any under way to begin with. Few doubt that, in this at least, he will keep his word. Under his government French "social services" will wax fatter, with a corresponding rise in taxes. The social and economic reverberations of that will lead French voters, exasperated by sinking living standards, the spread of unemployment and consequent social agitation, to defenestrate this good soul and replace him by a conservative as cave-dwelling and palaeolithic as the socialist they have just elected.

Such a see-saw cannot go on indefinitely without provoking one of those historical cataclysms so frequent in the belle histoire of the country that invented the guillotine (belle enough to read about in treatises and novels, but not so belle to live through).

he seed of the next cata-clysm has already been sown. It is called Le Front National; and, watered and manured by the malaise and insecurity haunting ever wider reaches of a society which, in the ineptitude of its political class, refuses to address the indispensable liberal reform of its institutions and political culture, the weed has grown mightily, sprouting everywhere and becoming a determining factor in national elections. If that process continues, it is not only impoverishment or economic backwardness that looms on the horizon of a country which - oh, paradox! - was the cradle of the most lucid liberal thinkers of the 18th and 19th centuries, and of several worthies in the 20th. It is, purely and simply, the risk of a collapse overt or covert - of its democratic system.

In a celebrated metaphor. when the fires of the Paris Commune were blazing. Marx hailed the idealism of the French. remarking they were bent on "taking Heaven by storm". Everything seems to indicate that on the threshold of the third millennium, these stubborn dreamers are still loath to turn their gaze from Heaven and, ill-educated by their mediocre and short-terming politicians, they still refuse to look at the concrete, real world we live in. The longer they delay in doing so, the harder their awakening will be.

He has yet to see that spending Copyright Mario Vargas Llosa hat's on the BBC: an everyday guide

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decisions, then communicate them clearly and precisely. They have to lead by example, never asking people to do things they wouldn't do themselves. They must command both the trust and the respect of their troops. If you think that you have these qualities, then don't write to the editor.

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Hague's first task: bringing the left back on board

even years after her fall, the Tory party still could-n't manage to step out of Margaret Thatcher's long shadow. Nobody yet knows how many MPs were influenced by her belated, and famously reluctant, 11th-hour backing for the new leader. But either way, the party has done her bidding: it defeated, much more decisively than most MPs, let alone the pundits, expected, a proven world class politician on a unity ticket. It elected instead an untried 36-year-old who comes into office, as only the fourth Tory leader in over 30 years, with youth, intelligence, energy and lots of problems.

Whatever the result, Labour would probably have said it was the one it preferred. But it is almost certain that the party was more frightened, if that is a word appropriate to a government which so dominates the political landscape, of Ken Clarke than it is of William Hague. Hague now has five difficult years to prove it wrong. And no one should take away from him the fact that a party more ridden by factions than at any time since Robert Peel delivered him, in the end, a handsome victory.

The first of those problems is that from being a wet and disorganised bunch of polite moaners since the mid-Eighties, the pro-European left wing of the Tory party has been moulded by this extraordinary contest into a cohesive and determined force which did not vote for him and has a strong leader of its own. Hague's offer of "a senior shadow Cabinet post" was last

night gracefully but swiftly declined and predictably so, given Hague's insistence on a loy-alty test requiring all shadow ministers to adhere to his own decision to rule out a single currency for a decade. It was unimaginable that Clarke, for the sake of a mere shadow cabinet post, would abandon the principle for which he was prepared to risk his job of Chancellor of the Exchequer. Hague's first task will be to try and lure some of those left-wingers like Stephen Dorrell, former Secretary of State for Health, and self-confessed sceptic on the single currency, into his collective leadership. It will be necessary but very difficult to eliminate the chronic threat of a split with the left.

For the daunting and overdue task of overhauling the rickety and obsolescent party machine. Hague may prove to be the right man in the right place. There is a lot to do. Local parties, having already broadly shown that they are wiser than many of their MPs, now need to be given, as swiftly in possible, a say in future leadership contests. That will help to stabilise the existing leadership. Local parties favour the incumbent. But it is also, as Labour has shown, a vital step towards rebuilding the party's moribund and dwindling membership. Quite rightly people are no longer prepared to join a political party, much less knock on doors, stuff envelopes, and arrange coffee mornings unless they have some power as well.

There needs to be an electoral college in which power is shared between party members and MPs - Lord Archer has even sug-gested 50 per cent apiece. Hague should stand again for the leadership, as soon as the new system is in place, to demonstrate his popular world's most successful political party.



Donald Macintyre

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chise, also pioneered by Labour. The autonomy of local associations has run out of control. There has to be a filtering process that ensures, initially at the very least in by-elections, that Central Office can impose its own short list to ensure a higher quality of candidate. That means imposing a much more rigorous process for weeding out some of the dodgier names on the current list of approved candidates. The most vital requirement however is for candidates in such seats to make their minds

support within the party to the numerous MPs who will

not have accepted it. Hague at

least has the advantage that

though well behind Clarke in

popularity among party activists, he came well out in front of all his rivals.

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up by mid-term: the Tories need to revolutionise their approach to general election campaigns by ruthless targeting of winnable seats as both the Labour Party and, with almost as stunning results, the Liberal Democrats have done. He should appoint without delay his ally Archie Norman, one of the few Tory MPs to have run a spectacularly successful busi-ness, to reorganise the party. But more than just the party

machine needs an overhaul. First the policy review which he orders, probably under a new senior shadow cabinet member such as David Willetts, will have to recognise at least as clearly as Brown and Blair did after Labour's 1992 defeat what needs to be done to win back the uncommitted centre ground of

British politics. That will be difficult: Hague owes his victory in large part to a group who still, despite all the evidence to the contrary, believe that the European threat to British sovereignty is the one issue that galvanises the British electorate.

Hague is lucky that he will be able to promote to senior positions politicians like Fran-cis Maude and John Maples, relatively untarnished by the past few years. This was not a good result for John Redwood after his pact with Clarke: but it could still be prudent for the sake of right-wing unity to give him a job. Peter Lilley may become shadow chancellor but Hague should be careful about promoting too many of the old, familiar, discredited faces. Youth and freshness are his biggest asset. He has proved that the factional organising

skills which served him so well as an undergraduate politician at Oxford have not deserted him. Labour would be most unwise to write him off or yield too quickly to the temptation to patronise him. He won against quite difficult odds. But factional organisation is not what the Tory party now needs. To eliminate triumphalism among his own supporters, let alone the bitterness within factions as well as between them, will require almost superhuman qualities. For British Conservatism now stands at a watershed. Hague could start the long march back to power by beginning to interest sections of the electorate, like women and the young, who so deserted his party on 1 May. Or he could yet find himself presiding over the disintegration of what was once the developed

Gay vs God: the battle for the soul of Disney

by David Usborne in New York

t is the special burden of the Walt Disney Com-pany that, decades after Bambi took its first faltering steps in anima-tion, it remains the very symbol of American wholesomeness But the Mouse-that-Walt-Built is also a modern communications giant; in fact one of the world's largest. It is inevitable, of course, that on occasion its benign fairy-dust heritage and its corporate aspirations are

going to collide. Thus there came this week the vote by delegates at the annual convention of the Southern Baptist Church in Dallas - representing the more than 15 million members of the largest protestant denomina-tion in the US - calling for a blanket boycott of everything Disney. The church's core complaint: that Disney has increasingly followed a policy of condoning and even promoting

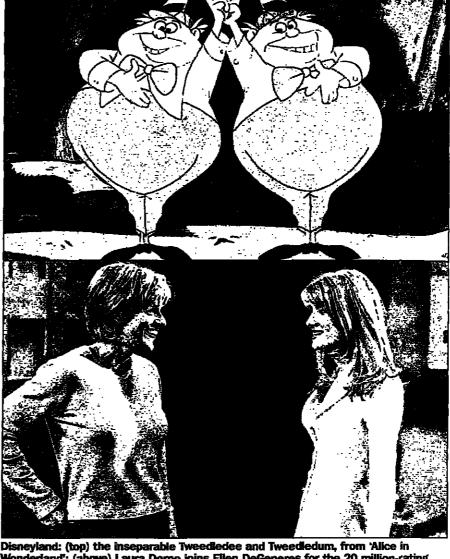
the homosexual lifestyle. Never mind that the Disney Company is far from alone in Hollywood in showing sympathy for gays, whether they are employees or patrons. If anything, it has been a laggard on the issue. Even last week, it was rapped by gay organisations over its latest action-adventure blockbuster, Con Air, which features a flagrantly stereotypical gay hairdresser who minces about in the mayhem in

a high-hemmed dress.

For the leaders of the Baptist Church, as well as those of several other radical Christian groups and smaller denominations, Disney will always have a higher calling as the guardian of the nation's family values. For them, tuning the antennae for any departure by the company from that perceived responsi-bility has in recent years become a full-time activity.

Sometimes, it has looked like a crusade descending into hysteria. The American Family Association, which took the fore in persuading the Baptists to adopt the boycott on Wednesday, alleged four years ago, for instance, that the feature cartoon, The Little Mermaid, actually carried phallic symbols in its drawings. The same group has quoted Disney's Chairman, Michael Eisner, as suggesting that no fewer than 40 per cent of his workforce are homosexuals. Determining such a figure is, of course, almost impossible.

Even so, identifying more concrete examples of gaytolerant policies at Disney is not difficult. The company does, for example, extend health benefits to the live-in partners of its homosexual employees. Earlier this month, moreover, saw the latest "Gay Days" event at its Florida Disneyworld. Organised not by Disney itself but by a New Jersey-based gay advocacy group, it attracted some 60,000 homosexuals who descended on



Wonderland'; (above) Laura Deme joins Ellen DeGeneres for the 20 million-rating eoisode of 'Ellen' in which her character finally came out Photographs: MSI/Reuters

For the Baptist leaders, Disney is the guardian of the nation's family values

the theme park for a weekend of

fun and gay pride.

Then there is the content of its product. The anti-Disney movement first began to ignite with the release by its Miramax subsidiary two years ago of the British-made Priest, which depicted a Catholic priest in Liverpool struggling with his own homosexuality. It was swiftly followed by Kids, which, though it had no gay theme, followed the sex- and drugssoaked lives of a group of young

teens in Manhattan. For the Baptists, however, the final straw was the airing in April of the now-famous episode of the ABC comedy sit-com Ellen, in which the central character revealed herself as a lesbian. The broadcast coincided with the highly-publi-cised coming out of the show's star herself, Ellen DeGeneris.

"Disney continues to spiral downward in the eyes of many Americans because of the company's support for the homosexual agenda," argued Tim Wildmon of the American Family Association. "Much of what they do goes against the family. Certainly homosexuals are Americans, too, but we shouldn't hold up as natural and good something that's not." Arguably, this is trouble that

Disney has been asking for. The company trades on its apple-pie credentials: at present, it is basking in praise for lifting New York's Times Square from decades of gutter-sleaze by the huge investments it has made in a superstore on the square and its refurbishment of the Amsterdam Theatre next door. With the staging a week ago of an electric parade through Manhattan to promote its newest animation feature. Hercules, the company ironically took brickbars from some New Yorkers for turning the city into a sanitised, middle-America themeland.

At the same time, the exploitation for easy bucks of the offending episode of Ellen by ABC, which was bought by Disney 18 months ago, was flagrant. Every corporate stop was pulled out to foist the coming out of Ms DeGeneris on to the American public. The inevitable result was a huge spike in ratings for the sitcom. It also attracted the goodwill of the not insignifcommunity nationwide. How much of a gamble is Disney taking? On the face of it, the Baptists' boycott sounds highly potent. The resolution urges every Southern Baptist to take

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the stewardship of their time, money and resources so seriously that they refrain from patronizing The Disney Co and any of its related entities". The resolution is not a binding one and thus relies on all 15 million church members -which, by the way, includes President Clinton himself -hearing the message and acting on their consciences. Backers of the boycott believe that it will give church members a cause through which they will be able to express their concern not only about Disney but the erosion of public morality in general. "If Disney is under the misapprehension that this is only going to be a fly in their ointment, they are making a big mis-take," said Ted Baehr, who is chairman of the Christian Film and Television Commission.

So far. however. Disney is looking about as worried as Mickey Mouse on a spring picnic with Minnie. On Wednesday, its stock value slipped by barely a notch, in line with the rest of the market. And apparently the company has been dismissive of the Baptists. On his own dealings with the company. Richard Land, president of the church's morals and ethics panel, confessed: "On a good day they ignored us. On had days they contemptuously gave us the back of their hand."

If this seems like overconfidence, survey for a moment the sheer breadth of the Disney empire. Aside from the cartoon features like Hercules, there is the output of its other studios. which include Touchstone and Miramax. Also in its portfolio are the theme parks, the 530 different Disney Stores, its cable TV assets (which includes the ESPN sports channel), its various sports franchises, a variety of publications, and of course there is ABC. In Middle America, God

may still be ubiquitous; but so is the Mouse. Can any family, however Christian its outlook. manage not to succumb to its children's pleas to visit Disneyland, to take home the Disney-character toys from McDonald's or to watch the cartoon hour on Saturday mornings on ABC? Is Mr Clinton going to stop watching Peter Jennings on the 6.30 news or catching Tiger Woods on ESPN? I would wager not; and the Disney management. clearly, is making the same bet.

Who are the radicals now?

few years ago, I bumped into Dave Morris, one of the McLibel Two, who I knew from a long time ago. Ever the committed anarchist, he asked me if I was going on the Eat the Rich march. "No," I said rather sheepishly, "I'm going to Safeways." It could have been worse, I could have been taking the kids to McDonald's. Yet I am glad that these are people like Dave in the world, kids to McDonald's. Yet I am glad that there are people like Dave in the world, individuals who just won't take it anymore. For he and his co-defendant Helen Steel may have lost the case but they won the argument. The campaign will go on. McDonald's exploits its workers, children and animals. That's official. If this is, as Michael Mansfield has and "a majoryictory", then we also have

said, "a major victory", then we also have to declare that the road protesters have also won even when roads are built, trees cut down and runways built. Radical politics is winning at a symbolic level. But just who is radical these days when mainstream politicians talk of the "radical centre", when the country requires "radical modernisation, when it is considered possible to proclaim oneself a radical and yet be at the heart of the establishment?

We are confused about this government because the lines between left and right have gone all blurry. Or Blairy, Is Frank Field a maverick, a radical, a rightwinger or a visionary? Is the new administration steering a path through the ide-ological minefield that can really be ological minefield that can really be described, as it was by John Lloyd in the New Statesman, as "the third way"? When we grudgingly admit that it may have done some good things, are we merely being duped because something is batter than pothing?

is better than nothing?
The McLibel trial illustrated what capitalism is actually like, its ruthlessness, its efficiency, its ability to transform itself. Words like capitalism and globalisation conjure images of giant machines



Suzanne Moore

The McLibel Two may have lost the case, but they have

won the argument. Even a symbolic victory can make a difference

that can never be stopped, that go on working whoever is in charge, that endlessly regenerate themselves. The McLi-bel Two reminded me of something else altogether - the power of human agency, the ability of little people to jam up the work, to sabotage the bosses, to just say no. This is an immensely brave thing to do. Most of us don't possess the purity for this kind of radicalism. We have become too realistic.

Many of us have given up on tradi-tional forms of politics, many of us did not vote at all and cannot share the cuphoria that greets the new masters. However, to give up on politics often means little more than a refusal to trust anybody at all. It means ultimately that we cannot trust ourselves. To insist though that nothing can ever really change until the day of glorious revo-lution is in itself an innately conservative view; it cannot see how the world has changed therefore it cannot change the world.

The reaction, then, both personally and politically, appears to be the current pick in mix approach that we are now seeing. The Blairites are accused of being jackdaws, magpies stealing policies from other parties to feather their own nests. Tony Blair may claim to be taking the ideology out of politics; others would claim he is taking the politics out of politics so that he simply manages the status quo more efficiently.

In many ways, however, this new government is mirroring the views of the population, which tends to be socially liberal but fiscally conservative. On issues from abortion to gay rights to the decriminalisation of cannabis, there is a growing consensus towards the extension of personal freedom. At the same time, we see the growth of personal pension plans, private health insurance and security measures to make us feel

ingly dangerous world. Such individualism means that poverty tends to be seen as a fact of life rather than as the outcome of social and economic policy.

We could, then, define the new radicals as those who insist on collective solutions to collective problems, such as the environmental activists, who are often mistaken for libertarians. Yet such a position is riven with contradiction. A pure libertarian position for instance would allow fox-hunting, would allow surrogate mothers to do what the hell they like, would allow veal calves to be exported and drugs to be taken. Libertarians would not be asking the state to intervene, to enforce more controls, to monitor our cows for BSE, our water for oestrogens, to stop the traffic so that we can move around more easily.

Those who feared the authoritarianism of Jack Straw have so far been disappointed. Children out after nine o'clock are not to be clamped, single mothers not electronically tagged. There is, as yet, no national bedtime enforced by young offenders on com-munity service. What is clever about what has been done so far is that it is radical only in as far as it costs nothing. Apologising for the Irish famine or talk-ing about the rights of gays in the military is free and reassures the liberals.

The real questions over compulsion - are people to be made to take jobs that they don't want and that don't actually exist, in order to reduce public spending - have yet to be answered. There is also a possibility that a form of cultural radicalism that nods towards women's equality, gay rights, a multi-cultural soci-ety can in fact mask a restructuring and stripping down of the economy that in many ways can be characterised as

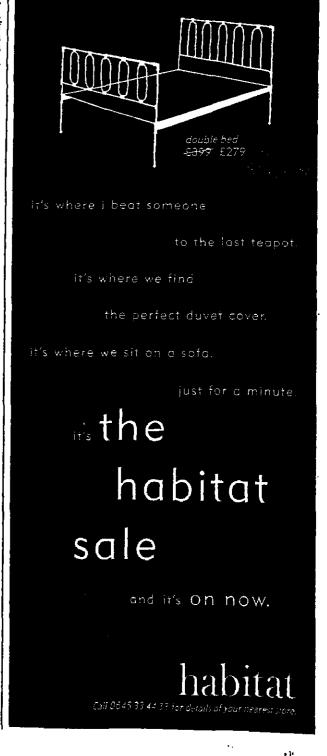
Before our very eyes we see that while

Blair is embracing devolution, he is centralising power; that while there is talk of a minimal state, of less government, the inevitable changes in the public sector - in health, education and social security - will mean more interference in people's lives, more surveillance, more intrusion, more talk of responsibilities, duties and obligations for those who can least afford them. The price of maintaining a welfare state?

How then are we to define a radical position? Is it radical to live up a tree and yet demand that a government you never voted for stop a runway being built? Is it radical to live in 11 Downing St instead of 10 and understand that there are many things that are beyond your control, which you can do nothing about? Is it radical to run an open government when the campaign required to win power meant a total shut-down? Or is it radical to leaflet outside a hamburger franchise and then spend precious years of your life defending such an action?

I am delighted that there is apparently "a third way" that is neither left nor right but I would argue that there is probably a fourth way too: a radicalism that questions all authority, never trusts a government, not even one which promises to be radical once it is in power, that exists to find a way between what is possible and what we are told is impossible, that lives the politics of dissent.

Though I would never want to live in a country governed by Dave Morris, indeed my previous experience of his household indicates that I would probably be banished from it, I have nothing but admiration for his and Helen Steel's campaign. They believed they could make a difference. I believe they have. That's radical enough if you ask



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BUSINESS & CITY EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER Former BR managers to share in £40m sale bonanza

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

Another round of windfall profits for former British Rail managers emerged yesterday when Jarvis, the Essex construction group, moved to take control of a privatised track renewals company for £50m, netting more than £40m for directors and venture capital

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Fastline's directors and staff, along with venture capitalists Apax Partners, paid £11m for the company in March 1996. They paid a further £4.6m for Jarvis is paying £50m for York-based Northern Track for 25 years. Fastline, formed from a man-

ue of their windfalls.

The biggest beneficiary is David Doggett, 47, Fastline's chairman and managing director, who will see his £50,000 investment turn into \$2.6m, in the form of cash and Jarvis shares, in the space of just 15 months. Described as a "BR man to his boots", Mr Doggett had been with the state-run rail industry

engineering director, will not about £1.8m each from initial investments of £35,000. The biggest beneficiary is Apax. which will see its 58 per cent investment in Fastline for

£500,000 turn into £30m. All of Fastline's 1,200 employees will also share in a .2m cash bonus, worth £3,500 each for "excellent performance." A further 170 staff who together paid £250,000 for

fund the acquisitions with a £62m share issue.

The deal mirrors the recent controversial sales of rolling stock companies, which made gains of £386m for Eversholt shareholders this year and £300m for Porterbrook investors last year, including a £36m profit for managing director Sandy Anderson.

Jarvis said the profits were the result of Fastline's success in profits. The two companies

the windfalls with the £5m Jarvis is also paying for the 50 per cent of another track renewal company. Relayfast, which it does not already own-In this deal, also announced yesterday, Relayfast's shareholders will emerge with no profits at all. Jarvis paid £4.9 for the other

half of Relayfast in May. Paris Moayedi, Jarvis chair-

were set up in exactly the same way. One made a success of it and the other didn't. In the one that was successful the management and employees walked away with lots of money. Good luck to them.

The deal strengthened Jarvis's position in bidding for £1bn of Railtrack track contracts over the next four years. Mr Moayedi said Jarvis had been shortlisted for all 5 of the contracts on offer and would be disappointed not to win some-

thing. The Office of Fair Trading yesterday invited comments the deals on merger grounds, but Mr Moayedi said there was "little likelihood" of them attracting opposition.

Jazvis shareholders have already enjoyed huge gains on the back of the company's £9m pur-chase of another British Rail business, Northern Infrastructure Maintenance last year. Jarvis shares rose 1.5p yesterday to 308.5p. A year ago they were just 76p.

Revised figures pave way for tough Budget

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

The Chancellor prepared the financial markets for higher taxes and a clampdown on public spending in July's mini-Bud-get yesterday by changing the assumptions the Treasury uses to make its economic forecasts. On the new basis, the public finances look in worse shape than Ken Clarke, the former Chancellor, predicted in last November's Budget.

Gordon Brown is certain to use the new figures, which were vesterday given a seal of approval by the independent National Audit Office, to paint the previous Conservative government's assumptions as overoptimistic. They are expected to give him ammunition for turning down excessive demands from spending departments and a justification for raising taxes.

Presenting the changed fig-ures and the NAO endorsement as a victory for open govern-ment. Mr Brown said: "Budgets must be built on honest fourdations. This is the only way to restore public trust in the public finances. This is the first time that any chancellor has opened up the Treasury's forecasting assumptions to such open and independent scrutiny. It means the Budget arithmetic will be based on financial conventions which are open, transparent and accountable."

In a bid to create more openness at the Treasury. Gordon Brown asked the National Audit Office to scrutinise the changed assumptions and say if it considered them reasonable.

Sir John Bourn, head of the NAO, said yesterday: "While the

Chancellor are not the only ones which could be reconciled with the evidence, in my opinion they have been arrived at systemati-cally on the basis of the available data and by methods which interpret it in a reasonable way."

The key changes in the assumptions were a revision downwards of the Treasury's long-trend growth forecast from 2.5 per cent to 2.25 per cent and a reduction in the estimated proceeds from Kenneth Clarke's "spend to save" antifraud programme.

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That initiative predicted savings of £6.7bn could be generated by spending an extra £800m on measures to eliminate errors and fraud from social security claims. By restricting the predicted gains to cash raised immediately from the discovery of an error or fraud, rather than including a figure for indirect ef-

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ing is reined back to £4.9bn. Other changes included a decision not to include future privatisation proceeds in economic forecasts, a measure expected to increase the PSBR by £4.5bn over the next five years,

fects such as deterrence, the sav-

assumptions adopted by the and the use of a flat unemployment assumption, rather than the guess about future trends in the jobless rate that Mr Clarke introduced for the first time last year. That would in-crease public borrowing by £4.25bn over the five year fore-

casting period. The final change will see the Government using market average forecasts for future interest rates rather than an estimate by the Treasury, which might lay the Government open to charges of political interference. The changed forecasts are

retrospective and will be revised again on 2 July to incorporate the changes announced in the

The change in the long-term GDP growth trend raised eyebrows in the City yesterday, where economists said recent evidence suggested a higher growth rate was sustainable without a threat to inflation.

Economists questioned the relevance of the change, which only takes effect from 1999 onwards. For the next two years, the Treasury uses its actual forecasts for the short-term growth in GDP rather than an estimate of long-term trend growth.

One economist said: "This is largely an exercise in public relations, designed for the consumption of people other than in the City. Everyone knows the plans for three and four years ahead are simply fantasy. They focus on years one and two and those assumptions have hardly changed.

The new basis of calculation puts the PSBR £0.5bn higher in the current fiscal year and £3.25bn higher next year. Comment, page 23



	1997-98	1998-99	£ billion 1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Privatisation proceeds	0	1.5	1	1	1
Spend to save	0.25	0.75	0.75	1	1
2.25 per cent GDP growth	-	•	0.75	1.75	2.75
Flat unemployment	0.5	0.75	1	1	1
Additional debt interest	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1.25
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Export orders pick up in June

Michael Harrison

The Confederation of British Industry yesterday undermined its own argument for lower interest rates by announcing that export orders have recovered slightly this month.

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The employers' organisation has argued that higher base rates will further strengthen the pound, thereby making British manufactured goods less competitive in export markets. But the CBFs latest monthly

trends survey shows exports picked up in June with a small-er balance of firms reporting a decline in exports than in previous months. Interest rates have gone up twice since Labour came to power.

According to the survey, the

balance of companies reporting export order books below normal was 20 per cent in June compared with 24 per cent in May and 23 per cent in April.

During the period the survey was conducted, 22 May to 11

June, sterling averaged \$1.635 and DM2.796. The CBI's director of economic analysis, Sudhir Ju-nankar, said: "Despite the

small revival in export orders this month, sterling's strength continues to have a dampening effect on export demand and manufacturers' output growth expectations have weakened for the third successive survey." The figures will deal a blow the CBI's campaign for high

er taxes, rather than higher interest rates, to keep the lid on inflation. The organisation has called for a £2bn increase in personal taxes in next month's budget to curb inflation.

The balance of firms report-ing total order books below normal has fallen from 8 per cent in May to 3 per cent this month. The survey also shows that price expectations are the lowest for nearly a year.

MDIS plans refinancing

Sameena Ahmad

McDonnell Information Systems, one of the UK's worstperforming flotations of recent years, looks set to launch a rescue rights issue in the next few weeks after the group warned software costs would lead to 'verv substantial losses" for 1996 and said it was seeking a refinancing "as a matter of ur-

Shares in the group plunged 18 per cent to 28p. The group, which has had a string of profit warnings and management oustings in the past year, was floated at 260p in March 1994. John Klein, chief executive. said it would take 12 to 18 months to turn around. "I clearly understand the responsibili-

behind us," he said.

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The group will make a provision to cover creditors, redundancy costs and old contracts drawn up in the ear-1990s in its next set of figures. MDIS expects "a sustained improvement in operating per-

formance" this year. A source close to MDIS said former management had taken on contracts which they were not qualified to service, but which they booked as profit. "As they struggled to service them, costs started soaring.

MDIS has minimal cash outflow because of it," the source said. Mr Klein said the contract announced yesterday with IT gi-ant Fujitsu, which is buying a 36 per cent interest in MDIS's software Chess for \$25m, showed the fundamentals of the group were sound. "It is a major transaction." he said. y rests with me, but the past is

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US states edge near tobacco deal

and the tobacco industry were locked in talks vesterday to try and resolve contentious issues and reach a landmark tobacco settlement of lawsuits by the end of the week.

"We're very optimistic. We hope to present an agreement in principle to the White said Scott Harshbarger, the Massachusetts Attorney-general.

Talks between tobacco industry representatives and the state attorneys general have been going on since early April. The negotiations are aimed at a broad settlement of the huge legal claims against the industry in return for some form of increased regulation and curbs on advertising and marketing of tobacco products.

Forty states have sued the industry to recoup the costs of treating sick smokers. The states are demanding that the industry agree to be punished

Negotiators for American states for past actions, that it pay of any final settlement pro-and the tobacco industry were compensatory and punitive teeting public health. Bludamages for smoking-related injuries and that it agree to allow the Food and Drug Administration to regulate eig-

arettes as a drug. Sources close to both the state attorneys general and the tobacco industry said they doubted a deal would be reached until late last night at the soonest, and some said they thought it might be today.

Asked how talks were progressing, Richard Scruggs, a Mississippi lawyer assisting several of the states, replied, The horse is still breathing."

The main negotiator representing the anti-smoking. American health organisations. Matthew Myers, was absent Thursday to attend a funeral. The Connecticut Attorney-

general Richard Blumenthal said two areas of disagreement remained. "One, details as to the terms

menthal said. "And the larger issues relating to assuring that people's rights are protected to sue the industry for the harm that's done," he added.

The main tobacco companies Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds, and Brown & Williamson declined to comment on the

negotiations.
The White House has taken a keen interest in the talks but has been careful not to appear to be running them.

Negotiators have considered turning over an incomplete proposal to the White House and asking it to resolve the contentious issue of whether the industry would pay so-called punitive damages, according to sources close to the talks, Punitive damages are awarded to punish and deter wrongful

In an interview with the Wall Street Journal, President Bill

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Clinton urged tobacco companies and anti-smoking forces to stay at the negotiating table until they reached an agreement. However, he did not preclude personally intervening if he is convinced the two sides have exhausted all hope of reaching a deal.

"I don't want to rule in or out what I might say, but I want these parties to come to me and This is where we are. We've done all we can do, here's where we are'." Mr Clinton said in an interview on Wednesday, "And I want them to do the very best they can

President Clinton left Washington yesterday for a summit of world leaders in Denver without his top advisor on the tobacco negotiations, Bruce Lindsey, who stayed behind to monitor the talks. White House spokesman Mike McCurry said Lindsey would delay his departure for Denver until tomorrow.

London told Charter Mark under review

Michael Harrison

The Government yesterday threatened to remove the Charter Mark from London Electricity following a surge in complaints against the company and its "high handed and arrogant atlitude" towards customers.

Peter Kilfoyle, the Public Service Minister, said he was reviewing whether London should be allowed to continue using the prestigious Charter Mark as a matter of urgency in the wake of a dramatic rise in complaints in the last six months.

Offer, the electricity industry watchdog, has compiled a dossier on London disclosing that staff routinely fail to comply with regulations, ignore voluntary codes of conduct and fail to respond properly to customer complaints.

In one instance, Offer had to threaten the company with criminal proceedings to end its practice of changing supply meters, the accuracy of which was in doubt, before they had been checked by an independent meter examiner.

In a letter to the Cabinet Office. Offer's London regional manager said: "The theme running through all this is one of customers being disadvantaged and deprived of their rights.

Last year complaints against London, now owned by the US utility Entergy, rose by 23.5 per cent but specific complaints about quality of supply more than doubled. In its letter, Offer criticises the company over

its policy of compulsorily installing pre-payment meters as a means of recovering debt, although metering is only supposed to be installed where it is "safe and practicable", It also takes London to task for unilaterally changing the terms of direct debit mandates without consultation, describing it as "symptomatic of the highhanded and somewhat arrogant attitude which this company frequently manifests to its

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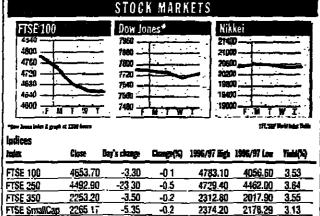
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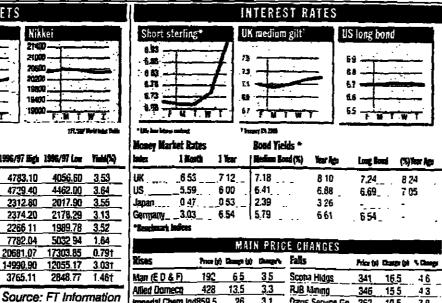


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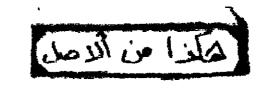
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COMMENT

Public finances are not in such a bad state

Only a new government could cynically attempt to make the public finances actually look worse than they probably are; usually in government it is the other way round with the Chancellor desperately trying to cook the books to make them look better, But then this is not a Government looking for excuses to cut taxes; no, the purpose here is to find a good reason for raising them. If that's what the 2 July Budget brings, Gordon Brown will be able to say: "But just look at the mess the Tories left us with. We've got to sort it out somehow or other."

In truth it is impossible to say with any certainty whether the picture painted of the public finances by this latest assessment is any better than the last. Even Sir John Bourn, head of the National Audit Office. insists in approving the new assumptions that they are not the only ones that can be reconciled with the evidence. Though he doesn't actually say it, he implies that the last

set of assumptions were equally good. In any case, the real practical effect of the changes are rather less dramatic than the headline figure of £20bn would indicate. The effect in the present financial year is just £500m in extra public borrowings and even next year it is only £3.25bn. After that the figures begin to escalate quite markedly but, as anyone in the City will tell you, forecasting that far out becomes largely guesswork whatever the assumptions.

The way to read these figures, then, is not as a crushing indictment of the last Gov- | about-turn on building society mutuality takes | of brigands, it would have swept all before

public finances is nothing to boast about, it is arguably no worse than Kenneth Clarke pretended. The new assumptions on growth, unemployment, privatisation proceeds and the spend-to-save programme are probably more conservative than they need to be.

All the same, Mr Brown has been clever in opening up the new approach to independent scrutiny and making it wholly transparent. That way nobody can complain that it is just a political gimmick. And after so many years of overoptimism about the public finances, it is probably no bad thing for the Government to err on the side of caution for a while.

The final verdict goes to the markets, which though well prepared for yesterday's NAO report, would scarcely have been any more moved had they not been. This is quite a turn up for the books, for the traditional response of markets when confronted by a new Labour government complaining bitterly about the economy being in a much worse state than everyone thought is to bring on a fully blown sterling crisis.

Nationwide is safe for the time being

As blinding flashes on the road to Dam-ascus go, Michael Hardern's sudden

nuisance of himself attempting to persuade members to demutualise their societies that he's actually been thrown out of some of them. His latest campaign with the Nationwide has whipped the carpetbaggers up into such a frenzy of anticipation that the company has been forced to close its doors to all new savers, the first time this has happened with a major society. Bizarrely, Mr Hardern has now hanged his mind and admits: "I was wrong."

His rambling and sometimes incoherent remarks at a press conference in a central London casé yesterday might suggest that his conversion to the cause of mutuality is less than complete. He and his four fellow travellers haven't yet dropped their plans to stand for election to the board at next month's annual general meeting, for instance.

Nor does the promise of £1,000 to every member if they vote him onto the board seem to have gone, though quite where the money is going to come from in the absence of demutualisation is anyone's guess. All the same, Brian Davis, Nationwide's beleaguered chief executive, must take whatever support he can get these days and to have the enemy jump the fence in this extraordinary fashion so late in the day can only be

a bonus in his dogged defence of mutuality. It is often said that had the campaign for conversion come from a more credible source than Mr Hardern and his merry hand

ernment's management of the economy, but rather the reverse. Though the state of the ler" has over the years made so much of a ler" has over the years made least. How much longer it can hope to do so depends on its continuing ability to offer a genuine mutual benefit by way of keener mortgage and savings rates than its now converted competitors. At the moment that bencfit is real and tangible, so much so that there may actually be a public policy case for pre-serving the society's mutuality. For if Nationwide converted too, there is not much doubt that mortgage rates would be higher and saving rates lower, not just at Nationwide, but across the board. But then again, not even Margaret Beckett would find it easy to refer a building society conversion to the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

Who will sit in Lord Prior's chair?

Wanted: chairman for large defence, elec-tronics and telecoms group, salary circa £300,000, previous experience of George Simpson an advantage. Ex-Cabinet ministers need not apply.

GEC yesterday formally launched the

search for a new chairman by announcing that Jim Prior will be stepping down next April after 13 long years in the saddle, first with Arnold Weinstock and, more recently, George Simpson.

Like so many other changes at GEC since

tearing up Lord Weinstock's much-treasured management reporting lines by putting a beefed-up executive team in charge of discrete sectors of the business.

The change of chairman will be no less sig-nificant since GEC intends to bring in more than just a new face. Unlike Lord Prior, the successful candidate will come with a background in business, not politics. The obvious political contenders - Hezza or perhaps Ken Clarke - lost most of their currency anyway when Labour won the election. And in any case, the new politics and new Labour's ethical approach to defence sales dictate that the chairman of GEC needs to be someone versed as much in running a large international business as stitching up arms sales in smoke-filled Whitchall rooms.

That is not to say the successful candidate won't be someone with a background in defence. Indeed as we report elsewhere on this page, one or two such names have already been put in the frame.

Marconi, the defence electronics business. is a big slice of GEC and may yet find itself part of an even bigger combination along with British Aerospace's miliary arm. But Mr Simpson, having worked for both companies. could take care of that. There is as important a job to do with the GEC's two big civil juint ventures - GPT in telecoms and GEC-Alsthom. The word is that Lord Weinstock will have no say in Lord Prior's replacement Mr Simpson arrived last September, this one having been shuffled upstairs. We shall see.

Securicor

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Securicor, the mobile tele-

phones to security group, yes terday revealed that Labour

was "minded" to continue with

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Roger Wiggs, chief executive said they had pre-qualified un der the Conservative adminis

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plans for privatised prisons.

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Heseltine ruled out to succeed Prior at GEC

Michael Harrison

Michael Heseltine, the former Defence Secretary and Deputy Prime Minister, was yesterday ruled out as a candidate for the chairmanship of GEC when Lord Prior relinquishes the post next April.

This emerged as the defence and electronics giant announced a further restructuring of its board involving the appointment of three new non-executive directors.

GEC has decided that its new chairman will be someone with an extensive background in business rather than politics. It was also made clear that Lord Weinstock, GEC's former managing director and now chairman emeritus, would play no part in choosing Lord Prior's successor. GEC said that Lord Prior would retire as chairman at the

end of the current financial year after 13 years in the job. He joined GEC in 1984 after holding several Cabinet posts under Mrs Thatcher, including Secretary of

State for Northern Ireland. The company added that a new chairman and a further restructuring of the board would be announced "in due course". Lord Prior said: "We are

looking at a number of very good external candidates." Asked whether that included Mr Heseltine, he said: "I think that is very unlikely." Mr Heseltine, he added, had never been on a shortlist in the first place.

Lord Prior said that the shortlist did not include any internal candidates either. He also said that the choice of a new chairman would be made by the board and since Lord Weinstock was no longer on the board that excluded him from the process.

Apart from Mr Heseltine, two other names mentioned in connection with the chairmanship are Sir Colin Chandler. chief executive of Vickers, the tanks to Rolls-Royce motor cars group, and Charles Masefield, a former BAe executive who now runs the Government's Defence Export Sales Organisation.

George Simpson, GEC's managing director, has been steadily restructuring the group since his arrival last September, changing the management resenior colleagues from his former employers, BAe and Lucas.

The City hopes he will announce details of his strategic review of the group alongside its annual results next month. There is much speculation about what he will do with GEC's joint ventures in tele-



Political backgrounds: Lord Prior (left) steps down next April, but Michael Heseltine is 'unlikely' to be on the shortlist

porting structure and drafting in coms and power systems, GPT and GEC Alsthom.

But there has also been renewed speculation about a fullblown merger with BAe or a link up between GEC's defence business, Marconi and BAe's military division.

Lord Prior said his decision to retire had been entirely voluntary although it had not been unexpected now that he has

reached the age of 70. "I have done this job for 13 years and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. I have had two excellent people to work with in Lord Weinstock and George Simpson but it is time now to leave it to someone else," he said.

Lord Rees-Mogg, the Times main on the board to complete columnist, and Sebastian de Ferranti, the former chairman of Ferranti will stand down as non-executive directors at the

ber responsible for community relations, is retiring from full-

have come under increasing

pressure from their sharehold-

ers to improve the returns from

their investment banking arms.

oblique reference to the troubles

at NatWest, Mr Diamond said

that in order to succeed an in-

vestment bank needed the highest quality senior management.

He said BZW had the "leader-

ship and vision" to attract the

best people, the very attributes

Derek Wanless, Nat West's chief

executive, said were lacking

In what appeared to be an

her outstanding commitments. The new non-execs are Nigel Stapleton, chairman of Reed Inannual meeting in September. Dunn, executive director of John

ternational, Baroness Lydia Sara Morrison, the board mem- Swire and Sons the holding company for Cathay Pacific, and Dr Alan Rudge, deputy chief exectime executive duties but will re- utive of British Telecom.

Bristol area and one in a local tion still to be decided, either wholly or partly using private capital on the same basis as a prison Securicor is building a Bridgend in South Wales. Mr Straw has also indicated to the company that the Government was in favour of the

electronic tagging of offenden and had extended Securicor's contract to conduct trials unti-Ju<u>ly</u> 1998.

The comments came as the company announced pre-tay profits slashed from £47.0m to £19.1m in the year to March, hit by a series of one-off charges relating to its telecommunications and mobile telephone activities. An £18m provision to cover accelerated amortisation of customer incentives at the group's service provider for the Cellnet mobile telephone network, Securicor Cellular Ser-

in a profit warning. But the group also revealed yesterday it was taking a £10m charge for an overunning computer contract at Cellnet, of which Securiour owns 40 per cent.

IN BRIEF

Live TV serves writ on CableTel

Mirror Group's Live TV, the cable television company, has served a writ on Cable Tel for breach of contract. The two companies have been locked in dispute after Cable Tel excluded Live from its First Choice package. Mirror Group issued the writ yesterday after changes to the package continued to bar Live TV.

Charterhouse chairman to quit

Victor Blank, chairman of Charterhouse, announced yesterday he was to leave the bank. He took a non-executive role at the beginning of the year after giving Michael Hepher, chief executive, operational control. Mr Blank has been at the bank, which is jointly owned by BHF-Bank of Germany and Credit Commercial de France and its directors, for 16 years. He is also deputy chairman of Great Universal Stores and non-executive director of Williams and Coats Viyella.

Stellican set to win Vicenza bidding

Stellican, the London-based investment company, is thought to have made the highest bid for Vicenza's soccer club. If Stellican were to succeed, Vicenza would become the first foreign-owned soccer club in Italy. The investment group wants to redevelop the Romeo Menti stadium, invest in new players and look at sponsorship and merchandising. Two Italian bidders are also understood to be involved.

Portman raises minimum balance

The Portman building society yesterday moved to outwit "carpetbaggers" by raising the minimum balance for new accounts to £1,000. "Carpetbaggers" have been opening new accounts at building societies round the country in the hopes of a payout if they decide to abandon their mutual status in the future. Portman has seen new account openings triple across its 108 branches in recent weeks.

Airbus signs deal with Northwest

Airbus Industrie, the European plane-making consortium, yesterday stepped up the competition with its arch rival Boeing by confirming an agreement worth up to \$2bn (£1.25bn) to sell 50 A319 aircraft to Northwest Airlines.

The memorandum of understanding also includes an option to buy a further 100 of the twin-engined narrow-bodied planes, which have 125 seats. The first deliveries should start in 1999 and continue until 2003. The A319 is the smallest vering 1999 and continue until 2003. sion of the single-aisle A320 family, a direct competitor to Boeing's revised 737. Northwest already has a fleet of 50 A320s and has ordered a further 20 of the planes for delivery in 1998 and

Shield Diagnostics shares soar

Shares in Shield Diagnostics soured 50p to 552.5p after the group reported positive comments on its diagnostic test for heart disease, Associated Factor Twelve, from a Florence conference of cardiologists and haematologists.

The company said that the reception at the conference would help in in ongoing collaborative talks with potential partners for the test, which could be an alternative to cholesterol testing. Earlier this year, shares in the group soared following leaks that the AFT test was a better predictor of heart at-tacks than the traditional cholesterol test. Shield said yesterday that it could confirm that collaborative talks were pro of the purposes of the price formula should be gressing satisfactorily as were the group's plans to commercialise AFT.

BZW head defends integrated banks

Tom Stevenson Financial Editor

The chief executive of BZW's global markets division, Robert Diamond, yesterday confirmed Barclays' global investment banking ambitions. His comments appeared to be a deliberate attempt to distance BZW from the confusion surrounding Nat West's investment banking strategy since its profits warning on Monday.

His defence of the combined retail and investment bank was seen as a response to the increasing debate, following the abrupt departure of NatWest new "Euro scene".

Market's chief executive, Martin Owen, about the wisdom of high street banks lavishing capital on their relatively volatile merchant banking operations. Speaking to an audience of

bankers, he dismissed concerns that medium-sized investment banks such as NatWest Markets and BZW were unable to compete seriously with their wellcapitalised American rivals. He said he believed the ap-

proach of European Monetary Union would lead to a "free for all" in which banks that had dominated their domestic markets battled for a share of the

That uncertainty would help UK and European banks undo the Americans' hegemony.

Listing the attributes needed to be a global investment banking player, he cited balance sheet strength and the ability to deliver a variety of solutions. Both of those could only be provided by fully integrated groups, he said, combining commercial and investment banking expertise.

Mr Diamond's comments

came as Lord Alexander, chairman of NatWest, wrote to the bank's largest institutional investors, offering to meet with them to explain the bank's

from NatWest Markets. Following the resignation of Mr Owen on Monday, Nat West

Both NatWest and Barclays is looking for a new chief executive. It expects to make an appointment within six months and, in the meantime, Mr Wanless has taken control of the investment banking operation. The bank is also expected to shortly appoint a new finance director for Nat West Markets.

Mr Diamond said the onset of EMU would be seen as a watershed that allowed the UK banks to put their stamp on the markets. The unification of Europe's financial markets would produce the largest capital pool in the world and mean that being global was finally more than being American.

Ofgas wanted tougher cuts

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Clare Spottiswoode, the gas industry regulator, returned to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission earlier this year to pipeline business, it emerged

yesterday.

Details of the revised proposals came to light as analysts ploughed through the 400 page MMC report, which largely vindicated the demand of Ofgas. the watchdog, for substantial cuts in BG's pipeline charges. The final proposals by the MMC, announced on Wednesday, will see the average domestic bill fall by £29 this year and BG's revenues drop by almost £400m a year.

The MMC's report shows that Ms Spottiswoode returned with stronger sanctions in March in response to improvements during the period of the investigation in BG's producnivity and an unexpected drop in its investment spending.
In the "final" published pro-

posals last August Ofgas said

£17bn in the company's accounts. The lower asset value re duced the amount of cash BG could earn to cover depreciation

But in March she told the MMC she wanted to cut the asdemand an even tougher price set base further to just £10.9bn. regime over British Gas's She also urged the MMC to separate out the £4bn value of BG's non-regulated gas exploration and production business from the price formula, a move the MMC rejected. Had the MMC adopted the change it would have given BG less room to тапосичте.

Analysts were yesterday surprised by Ms Spottiswoode's decision to ask for further concessions from the MMC. "In some respects this shows BG got a result by going to the MMC. even though the headline figures suggest they were defeated," said one analyst.

Separately yesterday Richard Giordano, BG chairman, toned down his previous opposition to the Ofgas case in a speech in Birmingham on the same platform as Ms Spottiswoode. He said: "Not all of the report is to our liking, but it is a thoughtful and thorough examination." BG shares fell 0.5p yesterday to 218.5p.

Arnault buys more GrandMet

Cathy Newman

Bernard Arnault's French luxury goods group, LVMH, has applied pressure on the food and drinks conglomerate, Grand Metropolitan by carrying out his threat of increasing his stake in the

Mr Arnault yesterday bought 132.5 million GrandMet shares at £6.30, taking his stake in the company to 6.29 per cent. City analysts said yesterday that Mr Arnault wants to force the board of GrandMet into listening to his views on the company's £23bn merger with Guinness.

John Wakeley, managing director of equity research at Lehman Brothers, said: "Mr Arnault is very angry with the proposed merger. He's very serious about his proposals being accepted by the board of Grand-

Mr Arnault wants Grand-Met to consider a proposal to merge the LVMH drinks group, Moet Hennessy, with the spirits divisions of both Guinness and GrandMet. Mr Wakeley said the Frenchman's move yesterday would force Grand-Met to negotiate with him.

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Profits warning puts Snakeboard on downward slope

Sameena Ahmad

Just when investors thought it could not get much worse, Snakeboard, the souped-up skateboard retailer that is chaired by the millionaire leisure guru David Llovd, has announced its second profits warning in two months.

All of its directors are having their salaries cut by one-third and must surrender half their share option entitlements. The news came as Snakeboard, which was listed on AIM at 3.5p last November and is now worth 1.5p a share, announced pre-tax losses of £742,000 for the five months to March and said it would not make the pre-tax profit flotation forecast of £2.6m for the 14 months to December. "These projections must now be regarded as no longer achievable," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd has agreed to bail out the company by subscribing for £200,000 of convertible loan stock, said that a manufacturing glitch - which resulted in the board's wheels not turning properly - had put the company back by 18 months.



In a spin; Forecast down for the one-product retailer

However, he said that the manufacturing issue was resolved, the latest products were ready for shipment and that Snakeboard had secured over \$1.1m of new orders in June. "I am putting my money where my mouth is. I wouldn't invest in a company I didn't feel had good prospects. We had a slight manufacturing problem that has set us back. But the market for boards is young and massive and snakeboarding is proving fan-tastically popular in Europe."

Raymond Moore, managing director, said the cost cutting measures - which include cutting salaries, option entitlements and consultancy fees, could save around \$500,000 per year and meant that the group would have sufficient working capital to last for two years: "It is a horrible story. We are a one-product company who had no products to sell. But I went to everyone and said we must protect our working capital. I think it shows a serious and responsible attitude. It's nice that David also agreed to help us out." Part of the shake-out includes the resignation of Nick Macleod Smith, marketing director and brother of the board's designer. The group also plans to outsource its research

and development. Mr Lloyd was planning to expand into clothes and safety equipment. He admitted the market was competitive and said the group planned to introduce a cheaper board which will retail for around £58 in the UK compared the top-of-the-range board which retails at £120.

ADP, the acquisitive US computer group, is believed to be in early takeover discussions with Kalamazoo, the struggling computer services company, which vesterday admitted that rival Lynx had walked away from merger talks.

Ian Davidson, Kalamazoo's finance director, said yesterday that the group had received "a number of additional approaches which may or may not lead to an offer". Shares in Kalamazoo, which tumbled earlier this year after a profits warning and revelations of accounting problems, have been rising since whether the trust is legally al-

close to the company said: "I would be surprised if ADP was not the first one in there. Like Kalamazoo it is strong in car

that Kalamazoo is committed to a merger. Richard Last. chief executive of Lynx, which in early June confirmed leaks that it was eyeing up Kalamazoo, said the discussion had broken down because he had "not seen sufficient progress". Mr Davidson says the sticking point is the Kalamazoo Trust, which repre-

guidance in the trusts deeds." However, analysts believe it

should not be an obstacle: "There are only four trustees and one of them is Kalamazoo's company secretary and another is an employee. If they wanted to recommend an offer they could do it, said one. Analysts believe Lynx did not want to be drawn into a formal bid, but would wait to see the outcome of the current talks. "They may come back." Mr Davidson denied the company was stalling on talks: "It's not a question of being reluctant. We are obliged to consider all offers." Shares in Kalamazoo fell 3.5p to 84p.

Sid should hold on to his BG shares

The dust has barely had time to settle on the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report on British Gas (all 400 pages of it) and things have already gone remarkably quiet. A year ago the company warned the 1.7 million Sids who

pending financial chaos. As recently as February, when the old British Gas split into BG and Centrica, the management warned the dividend could be wiped out if the company "lost" in the MMC report. Yet when the details finally emerged the shares went up. Yesterday they slipped just 0.5p to 218.5p.

For Sid this is apparently no longer the "biggest smash and grab raid ever" that was originally billed, despite the fact that the headline price formula seems worse than Ofgas's final proposals. Bizarrely, City analysts were yesterday actually raising their dividend forecasts for BG as it emerged that the company had won some important concessions.

On the face of it the statistics are grim. The MMC said BG's assets, including pipelines and buildings, were worth £11.6bn, rather than the £17bn in the group's accounts, on which it can earn a 7 per cent rate of return each year. By the stroke of an accountant's pen, the company will change its accounting policy and write-off no less than £5bn from shareholders' funds.

The trick for BG is that by writing down its assets, the annual depreciation charge drops by around £300m. Of course at the same time the MMC has cut its revenues by some £380m a year, reflecting the £29 cut in average gas bills for domestic customers this year. But putting the two together leaves the reduction in BG's profits at a more manageable £100m,

on paper at least.

Better still for BG was that while the public scaremongering was going on, the underlying performance of Transco, the pipeline division, was improving all the time that the MMC probe continued. BG said that 10,000 jobs could go if Ofgas won, yet 4,500 staff had already left the company when the report was published, boost-

ing productivity.
It also revealed that there is £285m in revenues to carry forward to this year from undercharging in the prior year, all of which will reduce the 21 per cent price cut forced on BG by the MMC to a 5 per cent revenue re-

duction in the current period.

The biggest relief for Sid is that BG will pay a dividend when it reports its results in September. It may not be the 14.5p paid during the last year of British Gas as a combined group, but

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Securicor: At a glance

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Share price (pence)

The less well-flagged problem

it is likely to be around 8p - enough to yield a very reasonable 4.6 per cent Cellular Services (SCS), the service and much better than the zero some gloomsters were predicting. That suggests Sid would not be wrong to

Securicor back

make up its shareholder base of imkeep on holding the shares. Cellnet holds

> recuricor shares have been poor performers since the security to mobile telephones group moved belatedly last year to sort out its excessively complicated share structure. Part of the reason for that was reflected in yesterday's results.

Interim profits to March were slashed from £47.6m to £19.1m by a string of exceptional charges, some of which were heralded at the time of a March profit warning, but some of which are new. All, however, tend to reflect the group's inability to control its own destiny.
As previously announced, Securicor

is taking an £18m hit for the accelerated amortisation of the cost of incentives - mainly subsidised hand-

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Dividends per share (p)

Operating profit by business (Em)

Turnover (£m)

Labour has yet to show its hand on this - Securicor will not be able to resolve this problem, or that of SCS, which would form a natural fit with Cellnet. Until this is sorted out, the growing potential of the other businesses will provider, is forced to give new mobile

not emerge.
So with full-year profit forecasts cut to around £103m before exceptionals, the forward price-earnings ratio of 25 telephone subscribers to persuade looks high enough. Unattractive. Along with the £3.9m trading loss at SCS, this reflects the increasingly poor quality of subscribers in the

Holding Court outside the UK

Yourts' relentiess success as an instemmed from Securicor's 40 per cent ternational retailer explains its stake in Cellnet itself, which has lofty rating. While the likes of announced a £25m provision for cost Laura Ashley and even Marks & overruns and delays on its Force billing Spencer have struggled in expanding outside the UK, Courts, with its cheap budgeted at £70m.
While Cellnet's performance is sofas, refrigerators and carpets, bas, perimproving - the group's digital network haps surprisingly, gone down a storm in far-off places such as South-east Asia, the Pacific and the Caribbean, which has now overtaken that of more recent entrants Orange and One-2-One - the together make up more than 80 per cent provision just highlights how little control Securicor has over the of profits. Meanwhile Courts has manmanagement of an underperforming aged to maintain respectable growth in the tougher UK market.

Its success overseas – sales grew 25 per cent to £272m despite an £18m hit Before the charge, Cellnet contributed £43m to operating profits in these from currency movements - reflects a

As long as the Government number of factors. First, Third World economies are continues to block the sale of the stake First. Third World economies are growing fast and a one-stop shop for kitting out houses which also offers credit is both rare and attractive. Courts also benefits from centralised purchasing, which means it can buy white goods from the US and electricals from Japan in bulk at yeathy recals from Japan in bulk at vastly re-duced prices. Courts' plans to expand in still largely untapped areas such as Indonesia look promising.

Though the UK is a stickier market. Courts has done well with like-for-like sales a healthy 24 per cent ahead and profits up by over a half to £7.8m. The driver was interest-free credit and Courts' superstore format.

Though only 40 of the group's 90 UK shops are superstores, at over three times the size of the high street format and with family-friendly features such as children's play areas, they generate more than 80 per cent of UK sales.

Plans to push deeper into the North of England, opening eight to 10 stores each year for the next few years, makes sense, with scope particularly for leveraging advertising costs.

Meanwhile, building society wind-

falls, the housing market recovery and expansion into fast-growing Southern Ireland should pay off. NatWest forecasts £32.5m, putting the shares, up 2.5p to 572.5p, on a deserved forward p/e ratio of 20. Hold on.

ADP in takeover talks

April on bid rumours. A source lowed to sell shares. There is no

dealer software in Europe." However, others are sceptical

Jarvis Hotels to spend more on health clubs

Magnus Grimond

Jarvis Hotels, which paid £16m ian Coe branded health club £118m, while carnings per share year end. undertake a £30m capital expenditure programme over the next 18 months to extend its existing buildings and add more

The chief executive, John Jarvis, said the group remained alert to acquisition opportunities, but organic growth offered higher returns.

The plans include the construction of four more Schastthe total in the group to 21, he

The former Olympic athlete has been retained as technical director to the group for a further five years, Mr Jarvis said. His comments came as the group, which floated at 175p a

share a year ago. announced a 29 per cent jump in profits to

were up from 10.7p to 13.7p.

The group is paying a final dividend of 2p, making a total of 3p for the nine-month period covered since the flotation or an annual total of 4p on a pro forma basis. Gearing fell from 177 per cent to 40 per cent over in the process of further reducing borrowings by selling six clubs were one factor in the im-

Turnover grew 16 per cent to sale already completed since the

livered exactly what they had undertook to do in the flotation prospectus - "increase turnover, improve margin, deliver substantially increased profits and, through acquisitions and capital investment, build an even the 12 months. The company is stronger portfolio for the future." Mr Jarvis said the health

sector and we are happy to retain that level," he added.

He remained optimistic about the outlook for the industry, countering any suggestion that the buoyant UK hotel market might be reaching the peak of a cycle.

The current strength is totally to do with the strength

£24.1m for the year to March, of its smaller hotels, with one provement in group operating of the UK economy. There is no margins from 32 to 33.5 per cent such thing as a hotel cycle. It is last year. "Those margins are due to the economy and as long markets", he said.

Separately, Thistle Hotels announced it was raising £60m maturing in 2022 to replace existing borrowings. The final redemption yield was set at 7.961 at £99.075 per £100 nominal of

	Compa	ny Resu	lts	
	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	EP\$	Dividend
Avocal Mining (F)	26m (19 4m)	27m (-21m)	-8.4p (-8.2p)	nā .
Caledonia Invest (F)	-(-)	75.7m (40.2m)	68.3p (30.7p)	49p (18p)
Courts (F)	424m (336m)	29.5m (22.7m)	22.26p (20.14p)	3.75p (3p)
Cox Insurance (F)	-(-)	17.1m (1.3m)	13.8p (3.6p)	3.85p (niii)
ED&F Man (F)	- (→)	85.2m (81.1m)	22p (21 4p)	10.7p (10 1p)
Gernard Group (F)	- (-)	17 75m (22.22m)	20.1p (32.1p)	16p (23p)
Jarvis (15 mth)	261.2m (76.4m)	15 16m (509.000)	15.6p (1.2p)	5.5p (nil)
Jarvis Hotels (15 mth)	118.2m (101.7m)	16m (9.12m)	10 1p (8.7p)	2.0p
James Lathain (F)	82.9m (79.6m)	2.1m (1.4m)	27.9p (21.5p)	7.75p (6.25p)
Metrotect lade (F)	15 7m (13.4m)	925,000 (106,000)	2.84p (0.43p)	1p (0.7p)
Securicor (I)	674m (612m)	19.1m (47.6m)	1.6p (5.1p)	0.39p (0.354p)
Symonds (F)	30.9m (14.2m)	2.69m (1.45m)	3.6p (4.5p)	1.8p (1.5p)
John D Wood (F)	9 4m (?.6m)	1.64m (729.000)	12.2p (5.4p)	3 75p
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Safeway moves into Ireland

Hambro bids £12m

for John D Wood

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Safeway, the food retailing group, is following its mainland rivals J Sainsbury and Tesco across the Irish Sea by teaming up with Tony O'Reilly's Fitzwilton group in an IR£77m (£74m) deal to establish 19 stores in Northern Ireland.

Safeway Stores (Ireland), the equally-owned joint venture, will buy nine of Fitzwilton's food stores trading under the Wellworth name, the leading chain in Northern Ireland, and lease mother six while developing our outlets.

The move will catapult Safeway into number two position in the province behind Tesco. which has 34 stores following a deal to buy Associated British Foods outlets earlier this year. safeway plans to use the bridge-

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Hambro Countrywide, the UK's

largest estate agency, yesterday

made its second foray into the

London property market in three months, agreeing an £11.9m bid for John D Wood,

the Mayfair-based estate agents.

If the takeover goes through, it will bring a windfall of £4.7m

to the joint chairmen, lan

Homersham and George Pope.

who brought the business to the Unlisted Securities Market at

144p a share in 1987 and have

committed the near-40 per cent

stake they control to the bid.

Mr Homersham stands to

head established in the north to

expand southwards. Safeway said it had been working on the Irish plans for the past seven months. Teaming up with Wellworth, which had traded throughout the Troubles, meant Safeway would retain political balance, said Simon Laffin, finance director.

The joint venture, into which each party is putting £10m of equity capital, will buy the nine stores for IR£67.4m (£61.8m) and spend around £5m on each store to add petrol stations and general refurbishment. The resulting average cost of under £11m a store compared with more than £16m to build one on the mainland. Mr Laffin said.

The Irish group has sold the remaining 21 Wellworth stores to Musgrave, a private company, in an IR£67m deal.

net around £3m. Wood's shares fell 0.5p to 145.5p yesterday,

having risen 15p the day before, However, the 145p-a-share

cash offer does not represent much of an advance on the orig-

inal listing price, even though

shareholders will be entitled to

retain a second interim dividend

of 25p a share declared yes-

alongside news of a bounce in pre-tax profits from £729,000 to

£1.64m for Wood in the year to

April. The company recorded a

29 per cent jump in turnover

from its nine central London

residential sales offices.

The announcement came

Flextech sells 23 per cent stake in HIT

IN BRIEF

British cable and satellite television company Flextech has agreed to sell its entire 23 per cent stake in AIM-quoted HIT

Flextech said it would realise £7.5m from the sale compared to an initial investment of £625,000 in 1990."HIT is no longer a strategic shareholding for Flextech and we are taking this opportunity to realise a significant return on our original investment," the company said.

Flextech's statement came after HIT said it would raise about £8.1m net through a two-for-seven rights issue at a price of 270p per share. It plans to seek a full listing on the Stock Ex-

Ushers calls for changes to duty rates

Ushers of Trowbridge, the brewing and pub group which floated in March, is urging the Government to re-examine duty rates

The company, which yesterday announced a first-half maid-en dividend of 0.6p, wants the rates to be brought into line

Gerrard profits hit by merger costs

Gerrard Group's full-year profits were hit by the costs of merging with King and Shaxson and a profits slide at the futures and options broker, GNI. Profit before tax was down to £17.8m from £27.2m last year.

TI wins contracts worth \$270m

TI Group said it had won a total of \$270m of new business at the Paris Airshow. The latest contract included an agreement to supply British Aerospace Airbus with landing gear systems.

Record profits at ED&F Man

ED&F Man, the commodities group, reported record full-year profits after a strong performance in financial services. Pre-tax profit was up by 5 per cent to £85.2m above City forecasts, which came in at between £78m and £84m.

Siebe cleared to acquire APV

The European Commission said it had cleared Siebe to acquire the UK's APV by way of a public offer.

Market overlaps were limited to automatic ordering systems for industry and did not raise competition worries, the com-

Pre-tax profits up at Caledonia

Pre-tax profits at Caledonia Investment rose to £75.7m (£40.2m), helped by the inclusion of the group's 25 per cent share in the profits of Close Brothers for a full year Otherwise its investment in Sterling Industries and Ivory & Sime made welcome improvements.

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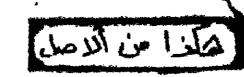
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French swoop on GrandMet adds spirit to late trading

Bernard Arnault enlivened a deadly dull stock market. The French tycoon's tea-time swoop on Grand Metropolitan sent turnover bubbling over 1 billion shares and pushed the nation's three leading spirit groups sharply higher.

GrandMet jumped 17.5p to 603.5p and its would-be partner, Guinness, 15p to 605p.
But it was Allied Domecq, the Beefeater gin and Teacher's whisky group which would be a casualty of any

GrandMet/Guinness deal, which stole the show. As the market closed there was a sudden rush to buy and Allied, which had been bump-

the attention of Seagram, the Canadian group which would be hit by the creation of a new and powerful spirit giant.

There was also talk of Allied linking with other spirits group such as Pernod Ricard of France or the unquoted Bacardi rum business.

In early trading Allied

shares were friendless, off 7p.

The sudden buying enthusiasm took Seaq recorded turnover to approaching 13.5 million. Mr Amault's LVMH luxury goods group, which runs the Moet Hennessy Champagne and Cognac group with Guin-ness as a minority shareholder, seems to have acquired 126



MARKET REPORT

Then New York opened on

BICC, the cables and con-

Laing and NatWest Securities

made cautious noises. Imper-

DEREK PAIN stock market reporter of the year

Idea is to put pressure on the proposed GrandMet/Guinness deal to form GMG Brands. Mr Arnault is against the alliance and favours a three-way link ina surprisingly positive note. And Footsie, which had been down 27.9 points, scampered to catch up, ending 3.3 lower volving the GrandMet and Guinness wine and spirit opstruction group, eased to 181.5p as Crédit Lyonnais

erations and Moet Hennessy. LVMH has 14 per cent of Guinness. At one time it had 24 per cent. In January the French group sold around 7 per cent at 414p. It now has 14.2 Former building societies crashed 112.5p to 372.5p when Alliance & Leicester and Haliance & Leic Footsie. A&L rose 11p to 599p and Halifax 10.5p to 745p.

BSkyB, the satellite broad-

caster, had another downbeat session, falling 13.5p to 508p. RioTinto's copper-inspired run came to an end with the shares off 19p to 1,065.5p.

Kalamazoo, the computer group shaded 3p to 84p as would-be bidder Lynx, up 1.5p to 102.5p, walked away. Me-Donnell Information Systems

Donnell Information Systems gave up 6p to 28p as it produced its umpteenth profit

pany produced £189,2m.

Birmingham City, the foot-ball club, held at 38p. David Sullivan and the Gold broth-ers, who control the club, 50 ave picked up a further 50,000 shares at 37p. The were sold to investors at 50p in February.

Mid States, the US car parts group which reached 122p a few years ago, fell 6.25p to 12p

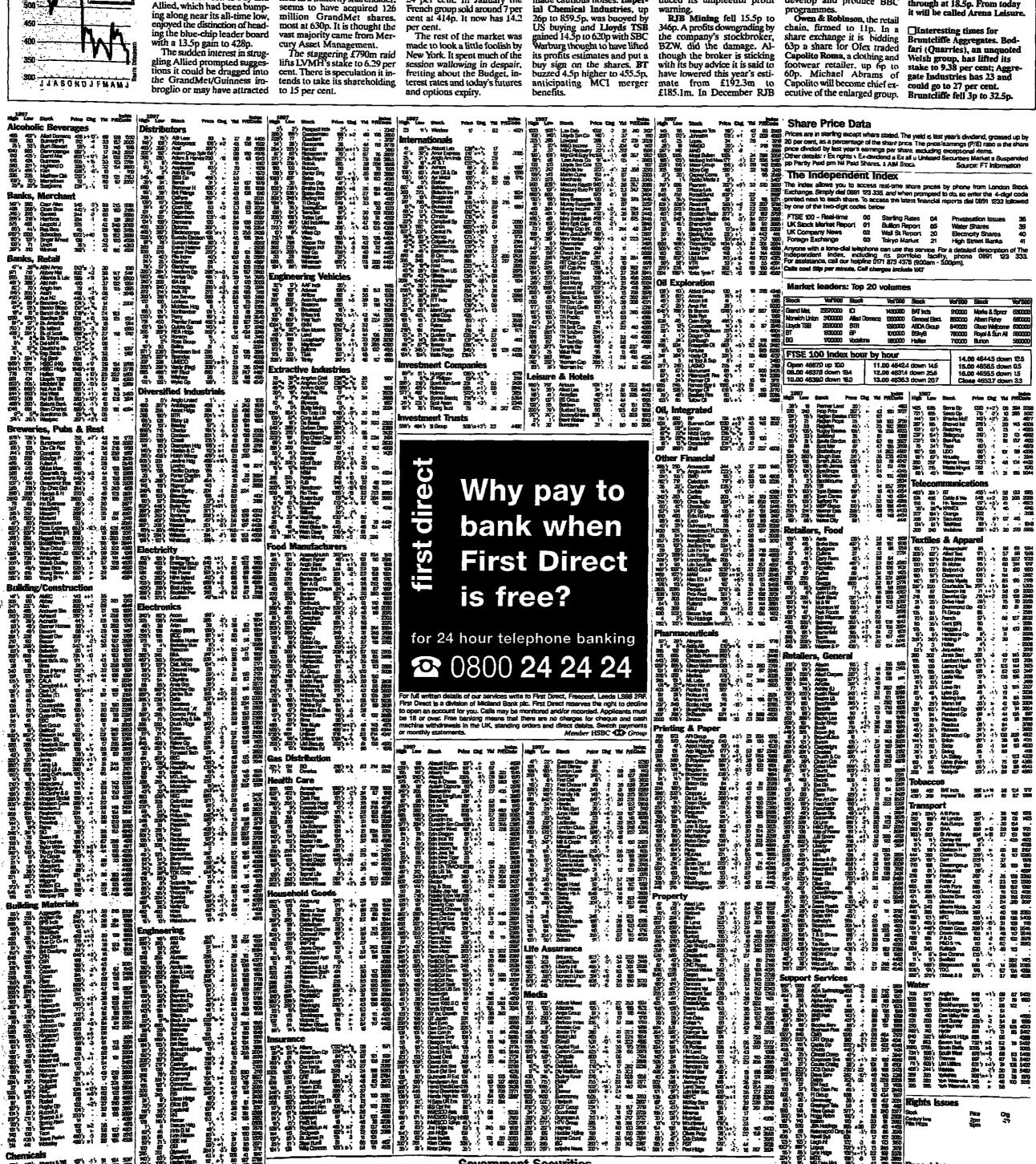
following a trading warning. West 175 Enterprises, a US TV producer, added 5p to 85p after clinching a deal to develop and produce BBC programmes. Owen & Robinson, the retail

There is speculation it is on the verge of clinching a long rumoured deal in Tatarstan, 450 miles from Moscow, which could add a remarkable 3 billion barrels to its reserves. Russian shareholders have a big stake; so has the

Farringford, backed by entrepreneur Trevor Hemmings, returned to market following racecourse. One deal went through at 18.5p. From today

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CWC's talks with Sky over pay-per-view may be stalled. Cathy Newman reports

Cable firms look for a Holly wood ticket

Talks between Cable & Wireless Communications and BSkyB about launching a joint pay-perview service may have suffered a setback after Sky was told to drop its equity stake in British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), one of the consortia bidding for the digital terrestrial television

Cable and satellite operators have been making overtures to the Hollywood studios - Disney, Universal, MGM, Warner, Paramount and Sony - for some time, lately with some urgency. Before BSkyB was ordered to pull out of BDB over competition worries the satellite operator had been making impressive headway in negotiations with CWC about a joint pay-per-view service. An announcement had been expected within weeks.

However, one source said yesterday that if Sky were to pull out of British Digital Broad-casting. CWC may decide to throw its lot in with the other cable companies in securing studio rights, rather than sleeping with the enemy, Sky.

Despite advanced talks with Sky, ĆWC has been careful not to close any doors in tying up content for digital cable. Hence the fact that CWC has joined Telewest in a consortium called On Demand Management, which is trying to tie up film deals on behalf of the

cable industry. An agreement on these talks is also due soon, but not until CWC has committed itself either to Sky or the cable industry. The company's spokesman indicated yesterday that a de-

cision on which party to back was still some way off.
"We are keen to keep all our

options open. We're still looking at where our content is coming from," he said.
So far, pay-per-view events—

where consumers pay to view a specific film or sporting fixture have been limited to four boxing events negotiated by Sky. But the advent of digital television will open the way for a range of pay-per-view oppor-tunities, especially in the film industry.

The proliferation of channels promised by the switch from analogue to digital technology will enable individual movies to be shown at roughly 15-minute intervals on different channels - what's known as near-video-

on-demand, As Neil Blackley, media analyst at Merrill Lynch, explains: "To show movies on a near-video-on-demand basis. you probably need 100 channels showing 20 movies around eight months after theatrical release." According to Mr Blackley's own forecasts, based on similar services operating in the States, the average cable or satellite subscriber makes two pay-perview film purchases a month, at around £3 a time.

And the stakes are high, with revenues from movie services expected to approach £1bn within a decade, according to the industry magazine, Broadcast. As a spokesman for Cable & Wireless Communications says: "There's £1.3bn spent on video rental each year in the UK. We'd like a slice of that,



Dream factory: Cable firms are chasing big Hollywood studios such as Universal above) since Sky tied up lucrative pay-p

ambitious, but, at this stage, largely under wraps. A third of up to 200 channels offered by digital satellite would be dedicated to pay-per-view, which would include not only sporting events and movies, but also niche channels for which consumers would be prepared to pay extra.

For example, a Manchester United channel, featuring some exclusive matches, would be a possibility. The electronic programme guide, which enables you to find your way round the hundreds of different channels, would also allow viewers to structure their own viewing schedule by mixing and matching different pay-per-view sports and movies events.

Pay-per-view prospects on digital terrestrial depend on

Pay-per-view plans are the outcome of the Independent Television Commission's deliberations. Digital Television Network, the group backed by the cable company NTL, has pledged to offer six pay-per-view sport and movie channels. However, BDB did not make any promises on pay-per-view in its application

According to some analysts. pay-per-view movie services provide the cable companies with their big break. Although digital technology will allow Sky to provide many more channels than it can currently, transmitting by satellite still limits the number. Cable, by contrast, has virtually limitless capacity, and could, according to one cable operator "do 500 different channels in 500 different areas" if it chose to. Pay-per-view is expected to be the linchpin of CWC's digital service, and the company may use up to 80 channels to show the top 20 movies on release at any one time at half-hourly intervals.

Cable companies are going for broke on the film rights, in part because sport is pretty well sewn up by Sky. Rupert Murdoch's operator has an option on pay-per-view Pre-mier League matches following Sky's £670m deal last June. The rights would be well worth having, with UBS estimating that Premier League pay-perview matches will be worth nearly £450m by 2002.

With those kind of sums at stake, cable and satellite operators may be forgiven for say-ing there's all to play for before digital television gets under way in earnest.

Barclays Bank falls foul of the laws of Lawson

Lord Lawson of Blaby, for-mer Chancellor of the Exchequer and sometime diet guru, trousers £31,000 a year as a non-executive director of Barclays Bank. Shareholders in Barclays and Lord Lawson's fellow directors should therefore make a point of perusing a recently published collection of writings on investment, The Investor's Anthology; Original Ideas from the Industry's Greatest Minds.

The book reprints an article the then Nigel Lawson penned in 1963 when he was City Editor of the Sunday Telegraph, headed "Seven rules for investors". The question is, does Barclays

pass these rules?
The list of rules starts with: "Avoid companies whose chairman's photograph is published more than four times a year." Barclays should be OK there - photos of chairman Andrew Buxton are hardly ever seen these days, outshone as he is by former Courtaulds matinée idol Martin Taylor.

Lord Lawson's second rule is: "Avoid companies that publish their balance sheet in front of their profit and loss account in the final report." Again Barclays passes with flying colours. Uh-oh. Rule three says: "Invest in companies whose chairman is less than 5'8" tall." That's blown it. Mr Buxton towers well

over 6 foot. On to rule four: "Assess the board on the points system as follows - one point for every director, and an extra point for every peer, admiral, general or sir marshal. More than 15 points disqualifies, or more than 20 in the case of banks and insurance companies.

Here Barclays just squeezes through with 14 points, including two points for Lord Lawson himself, the

only peer.
Fifth: "Avoid companies who hold their annual general meetings at awkward PEOPLE & BUSINESS



Wordsmith: Nigel Lawson wrote the rules in 1963

times or in unlikely places. No problem there. Barclays' agm was on a Tuesday in April at the QEII conference centre in Westminster.

But wait for rule six "Avoid companies who have just moved into a lush head office." The reasonably new clearing bank head office in Bishopsgate is pretty lush, while BZW is just moving into a veritable palace in Canary Wharf, down

Docklands way. Barclays does OK on the last rule: "Bad figures take longer to add up than good ones." It always publishes figures on time. But shareholders should still be wary of a stock that fails two of the Laws of Lawson.

May I welcome the Italian cricket team, who have just arrived to commence a tour of England. On Wednesday the UK branch of Generali, the team's Italian sponsors. held a reception for the team at their City offices in Fenchurch Street. Incidentally. I am informed the Italian for "Howzat?" is "Com'e

The 66-page offer for subscription document published by Audio Books and Music Holdings repays careful reading. The company, which started operations in May last year, is seeking to raise £1.5m. It supplies audio books to retailers.

Page 55 of the document lists the previous directorships of David Selby, ABM's chairman. John Cooper, managing director, and Hugo Robson, a non-exec. (A finance director and sales director are being sought.)
It tells us that Mr Selby

was a director of Alliance Property and Construction and its subsidiary, APC Management Contractors, which suffered heavily in the prop-erty crash of 1991/92 and were ultimately wound up after bank LPA receivers had been appointed".

The document goes on: "In 1991 an associated group of seven companies, whose main trading company was Savage Transformers Limited, went into receivership." And there's more: "In 1995 the companies forming the school textbook supply divi-sion of the Foyles Educational Group was put into receivership. The change in the structure of Government financing to schools materially affected the school book supply market."

Turning the page, we find: Hugo Robson was a nonexecutive director of London **Executor and Trustee Limit**ed, a fund management company. This ceased trading in November 1987 and subsequently was put into liquidation.

John Cooper was a direc-tor of Posh Entertainment Limited. This was wound up by the Official Receiver in March 1996.

I wonder what Lord Lawson of Blaby would make of

John Willcock

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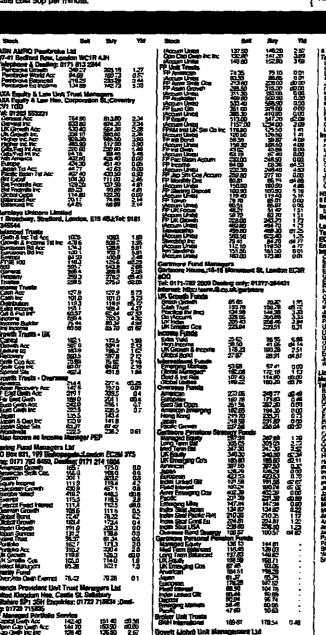
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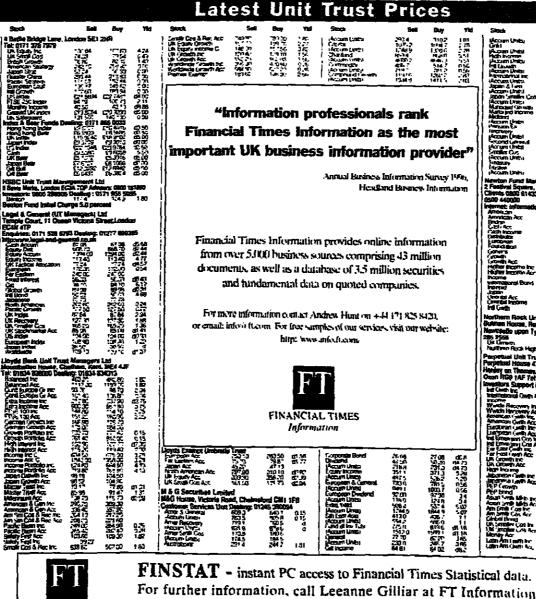
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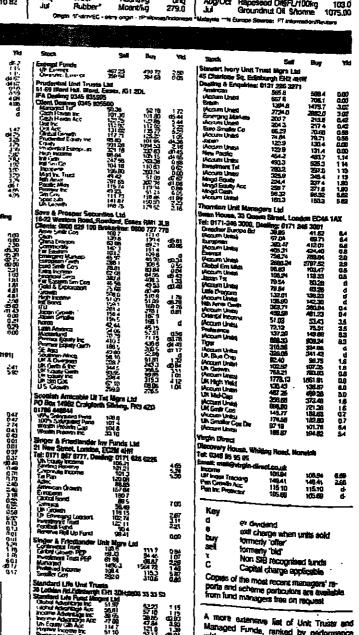
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falls four Lawson **Drakes** at full sail for Sussex

Cricket

MIKE CAREY reports from Derby Sussex 200-9 dec Derbyshire 209-8

Not much appears to separate Derbyshire and Sussex these days in terms of internal strife, and there was little between them when the third stoppage of the day ended a low-key contest vesterday.

Though there was probably less help for the bowlers once the new ball had lost its hardness, Sussex took their cue from an inspired opening spell by Vasbert Drakes and will now consider themselves back in a match that could have slipped away from them on the first day.

There is no doubt scope yet for a few twists and turns, though so far both sides have unsurprisingly bowled better than they have batted in these conditions and more cloud cover ensured that batsmen would again have to work hard.

It was not immediately obvious to the spectators why as more circumspect Vince Clarke

before play could start after an early lunch; then, though there was less movement off the seam, the ball still swung and Drakes made the most of it.

Two weeks ago Tim Tweats amassed 248 against Sussex's second XI, Derbyshire's highest individual score at that level. But now he found himself in a different world and probably had his education furthered by Drakes, who beat him with a series of rapid outswingers before removing his off-stump.

Soon afterwards Kim Barnett was late on another quickish ball which also hit his off-stump, and for the second successive day Chris Adams found himself in isolation. He made the first half century of a low-scoring match and could have taken his side to a position of strength had he been able to introduce a degree of selectivity. But selectivity has never been his forte. Maybe one day it will dawn on him that he should make bowlers earn his wicket, but not yet, it seems. Aiming to pick up Mark Robinson, he was caught off a steepling top edge, leaving the many as 28 overs had to be lost to hold the innings together.

Yorkshire in control

JON CULLEY

reports from Trent Bridge Yorkshire 364 Nottinghamshire 116-4

Rain throughout the morning delayed the start until lunchtime and showers in the afternoon limited play to 31 overs here yesterday. There was time enough, though, for Yorkshire to pick up a fifth bonus point and tighten their grip on the match. With their top-order gone, Nottinghamshire still need the best part of 100 more runs to avoid the

Before the weather closed in, Paul Johnson and Nathan As-tle were beginning to look as if Richard Stemp took a sharp low they might pull Nottinghamshire out of trouble. Such fluful wicket than their Notting-

hamshire counterparts had on Wednesday.

It was a good day, particularly for Craig White. He has made only a modest contribution to Yorkshire's season so far, with hardly a run to his name and no more than a scattering of wickets. Yesterday, however, something evidently clicked, for he was able to bowl a testing line at a fairly fierce pace and was duly rewarded with three wickets, all of which came in the space of 20 deliveries.

White dismissed Tim Robinson with the aid of a fine catch by David Byas at second slip before Paul Pollard, looking to work the ball through midchance. The threesome was completed when Mathew Dowpaid the price.



Australians wind down

Football

Terry Venables' Australia side madefew new friends yesterday when they laboured to a 2-0 win over Tahiti in a World Cup qualifier in Sydney. The former Queen's Park

Rangers midfielder Ned Zelic scored Australia's opener with a fine volley in the 17th minute before Paul Trimboli sealed the victory with four minutes remaining. The former England coach's team lacked invention in a disappointing display, but

The winners will play an Asian guay, Argentina and Ecuador in side for a place in next year's the quarter-finals. World Cup finals in France.

In the Copa America, the hosts Bolivia averted a possible walk-out by Argentina when they beat Uruguay 1-0 in La Paz on Wednesday to win Group B.

Argentina's coach, Daniel Passarella, had threatened to take his team home because of an alteration in the rules that would have changed the venue of their quarter-final to high altitude La Paz if Bolivia had finished second in their group.

The Argentinian threat domency, however, was rare – man, still enjoying the feel of a Yorkshire's bowlers showed levely square-driven four, was greater appreciation of a help-tempted with a square driven four, was greater appreciate their Nesting and the square driven four, was greater appreciate the square driven four the square driven four the square driven for the square driven play-off against New Zealand. and Peru joined Brazil, Para-

Argentina had drawn 1-1 with Paraguay on Tuesday to finish second in Group A, earning a quarter-final tie against the second-placed team in Group B. Earlier on Tuesday, the Copa America organisers had announced that if Bolivia finished second in Group B, their quar-ter-final would be switched from Sucre, its original venue. to La Paz.

Sucre is 2,700 metres above sea level, only slightly higher than Argentina's first-round teams.

battle for **Swiss** playmaker

ALAN NIXON

Roy Hodgson's Blackburn Rovers are competing with the German club Bundesliga Kai-serslautern for the Swiss midfielder, Ciriaco Sforza. Rovers have already offered £3m to Hodgson's old club, Internazionale, for the skilful Sforza - but now face a fight to capture him for next season.

Sforza played for Kaiserslautern earlier in his career, and the newly promoted club confirmed their interest yesterday and revealed they had also made a bid. Their coach, Otto Rehhagel, said: "Inter have told us he is available, so we have a chance of signing him. We know there is opposition but we are keen to have him back."

Hodgson does not officially take control at Ewood Park until 1 July, but he also has moves for the French right-back Patrick Valery, the Swedish striker Martin Dahlin and two other Swiss internationals, Stéphane Chapuisat and Stéphane Henchoz, on the go.

The Huddersfield manager Brian Horton is trying to sign Peter Beagrie from his old club, Manchester City. Beagrie joined City for £1.1m but is now available at around £300,000. Swindon have also made a move for him.

Celtic's Scottish international left-back Tosh McKinlay is discussing possible transfers to Wolves and Queen's Park Rangers. He will decide which First Division club to join in the next 48 hours after rejecting a new contract at Parkhead.

McKinlay's fellow Celtic player, Peter Grant, is another target for Wolves, who are also interested in Gareth Farrelly, Aston Villa's Republic of Ireland midfielder.

Stoke have offered their striker Mike Sheron a twoyear contract extension in a quest to head off interest from Birmingham City and Queen's Park Rangers. The deal would keep the prolific Sheron at the Potteries until 2001, as he has another two years to run on his present contract.

Stoke have refused Walsall permission to approach their coach Mike Pejic about their managerial vacancy.

Blackburn Ryder hopefuls put in shade

JOHN OAKLEY

reports from Stuttgart

A dozen of the top 20 players in the Ryder Cup points table are in the Volvo German Open field, but none from Ian Woosnam to Bernhard Langer could break 70 in the first round here yesterday.

On a day when 32 lesserknown golfers shot 69 or better, the best the Cup hopefuls could achieve were rounds of 70 by Langer, Sam Torrance and Peter Mitchell, with Woosnam next on 71 along with Padraig Harrington and Ross McFarlane. While the bigger names strug-

gled on a course considerably toughened from last year. Mike Weir, of Canada, Rolf Muniz, of the Netherlands, Spain's Ignacio Garrido and England's Van Phillips all went round in 65 to be joint leaders on six under par.

Having started at the 10th, Weir, a 27-year-old left-hander hardly known in Europe, had a blistering run from the 17th to the fifth of six birdies and an eagle. He had also had two earlier birdies but his round was spoiled by a bad start and a poor finish. He dropped three shots in his first two holes and then needing a par four at the ninth. his last hole, for the outright

lead he had another bogev.

Garrido, the 25-year-old from Madrid, had earlier bogeyed the ninth hole when he, too, needed a par four to go to seven under.

Woosnam, who won this event last year when the tour-nament was reduced to 54 holes because of thunderstorms, shot a two-over-par 38 for the first nine holes and said: "I just

drove badly."
But the 39-year-old Welshman, who is hoping for a topfour placing to extend his lead at the top of the Order of Mer-it, had birdies at the 10th and 18th to bring his score back to level par.

Last year he was 20 under par for his three rounds. "The course is now two or three shots harder and after my poor start I'm pretty glad to have a par round. There's still plenty of time to make up ground," he said.

Langer, who, like Woosnam has been suffering from back trouble, said he had no problems vesterday and was reasonably eatisfied with his 70. But other Ryder Cup prospects, particularly Per-Ulrich Johansson, of Sweden, and Italy's Costantino Rocca, who both shot 72. France's Jean Van de Velde, who shot 73, and David Gilford, Roger Chapman and David Carter, each with 75, need to improve or face missing the half-way cut.

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Morley out in front

Britain's Joanne Morley repeated her opening round 67 on the second day of the Evian Masters in France yesterday to take an outright lead.

With a 10-under-par halfway aggregate of 134. Morley leads by two strokes from Yorkshire's Alison Nicholas, who shares second place with Hiromi Kobayashi from Japan.

Morley, winner of the German Open last year, hit six birdies in her round and only once went over par when she took three from the edge of the green for a bogey five at the 13th

Nicholas made a late burst to move alongside Kobayashi when she birdied each of the last three holes to come home in 34 for her 68.

But it was another disappointing day for Laura Davies. the holder, who resorted to putting left-handed on the 12th green, on her way to a frustrating second round of 70. It

left Davies at level par on 144, but she trails 10 strokes behind

The course is great, everything is great, but I can't make a damn putt. It's destroying me," Davies said. "I only holed two putts all day and those, thank goodness were for eagles."

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AMERICAN EXPRESS TOUR EVIAN MASTERS (Royal Club, Evian, Pt) Leading second-round scores: (88 or H unless stated): 134 J Morley 67 67, 136 H Actorist (US) 67 70, 136 S Waug (Aus) 70 69, 340 V Skinner (US) 72 68, 340 C Blaytok (US) 74 67; A Nucholas 68 68, 137 A Alcon, (US) 67 70, 136 S Waug (Aus) 70 69, 340 V Skinner (US) 72 67; M Horth (Swe) 72 70; H Affredsson (Swe) 72 70; C Hj Koch (Swe) 71 71, 143 C Sorenszam (Swe) 74 69; M Koch (Ger) 73 70; K Marshall 72 71; P Stemer (Swe) 71 71, 72, 144 P Meuroer Leboux (Pr) 77 67; K Orum (Den) 75 69; L Dawes 74 70; L Fairctough 74 70; E Knuth (Sp) 73 71; M Lunn (Aus) 71 73, 345 N (Jowien (Aus) 73 72; I Fores 72 73; C Dinah (Aus) 72 73, 146 of Lember (Aus) 75 75; W Doks 74 72; A Gottmo (Swe) 73 73; L Brooky (N2) 71, 75; T Josheson 70 76, 347 K Lunn (Aus) 75 71; C Passe (U) 74 73; D Reid 74 73; L Mercen (US) 72 73, 10 Reid 74 73; L Mercen (US) 72 75, 148 G Stewart 78 70; S Mendiburu (P) 78 70; M Halls (Aus) 76 71; M Halermen (US) 72 75. 148 G Stewart 78 70; 5 Mendouru (177 72 70; J Mills (Jus) 77 77; 1 M Hageman (Neth) 77 72; I. Mentz (SA) 76 72; F Pive (Aus) 76 72; M Hedblom (Swe) 75 73; A Armár (Sp) 75 73; A Screntsam (Swe) 74 74; K Poppmeier (Aut) 72 76.

Lewis carries bat into **Durham lore**

Round-up

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Jon Lewis became only the second Durham player to carry his bat in a first-class innings against Kent at Darlington yesterday, making 158 not out in his side's 251 all out.

Remarkably, the previous Durham opener to achieve it, Wayne Larkins, made the same score against Gloucestershire at Gateshead three years ago. Kent struggled in response

with Mel Betts taking advantage of overcast conditions with 2 for 24 in the visitors' 138 for 4 after 43.3 overs.

Middlesex's bowling attack were again in form, dismissing Gloucestershire for a dismal 99 at Bristol. In their last Championship match Middlesex reduced Glamorgan to 31 all out to win by an innings, and Richard Johnson led the latest rout with 4 for 27.

But Middlesex struggled themselves in their second innings, stumbling to 78 for 6 at the close on a questionable wicket, a lead of 216 runs.

Graeme Hick, made a rapid unbeaten 48 for Worcestershire as they responded bravely to Surrey's massive 452 for 9 at New Road. The home side looked set for a beating when Hick arrived after the early loss of Tim Curtis for no score, but he looked composed helping the total to 81 for 1 after 15 overs at the close in partnership with Phil Weston.

Play was abandoned for the day without a ball being bowled at Liverpool where Lancashire play Glamorgan, and there was precious little action at Northampton where Hampshire took their overnight 335 for 4 to 373 for 6 in the 13 overs available.



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Northants v Hampshire

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Britannic Assurance County Champions (Second day of four: today 11.0)

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Rugby League
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Rugby Union TOUR MATCH: Gentling Lions v Scotland (6.0) Let Elic Park, Johannesburg).

(7.30 unless stated) ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue v Coventry; Peter-borough v Pools.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Oxford v Stoke (7.45).
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BOWLS: Women's Home Internationals (to 21 June) (at Ayr). June) (at Ayr).

GOLF: Ryder Collingree Services Classic (Collingree Park, Marthampton).

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Bending: Smith 8-2-17-1; Laws 10.5-0-34-4; Young 8-0-26-1.
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Evans 6-91). No play yesterday LIVERPOOL: Gamorgan 173 for 1 IS P James 99no) v Lancashara.

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Second day of three; today 11.0); Cantarbury: Derbyshire 201; Kerr 217 for 5 (S CWills 77nd); Hinkley: Leicestershire 214 and 25 for 1; Surivy 150 for 5 dec. Middlesbreugh: Yorkshire 235 and 9 for 0; Worcestershire 177 for 5 dec (C Clarke 62no). No play; Horshaex Warwickshire 230; Susses 55 for 1. Teamton: Durham 363 for 9 dec; Somerset 43 for 1.

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ROYAL ASCOT: The champion jockey clinches a memorable Gold Cup victory with a perfectly delayed challenge on Celeric

Eddery in a triumph of timing

RICHARD EDMONDSON

There have been many out-standing rides in Pat Eddery's 28-year career but hardly ever have they been accompanied by a flash of emotion. The Gold Cup changed that yesterday. The Irishman executed a ride of such skill and timing on Celeric that he even managed to satisfy his greatest critic, himself. When he came to a stop, his face covered in a rash of mud spots, Eddery smiled at connections and raised a clenched fist in front of him. The mission had, gloriously, been accomplished.

The huge personality of

Frankie Dettori dominates racing today, but he is not champion jockey. That honour belongs to the man who has won the championship 11 times, ridden around 4,000 winners, 67 of

them at the Royal meeting. Pat Eddery's first, and previously only, victory in the Gold Cup was on Erimo Hawk 25 years ago and, as his prowess and longevity remain closely entwined, Celeric should not be the last. He will, however, be the most memorable.

It is the gelding's nature that he must be brought to the front with only fractions of his journey remaining. Thus it was no surprise to see Eddery and his partner ambling out of the stalls yesterday. Ås anticipated, the outriders were Grey Shot and Double Trigger, who carried wide-cupped blinkers which lent the impression he was wearing sunglasses. Behind them, the order changed but not the position of Celeric, who was

glued in last place.

Down the far side, Eddery crept as unnoticed as ivy up brickwork, and by the time the straight was breached the final push was under way. Celeric slid through the bookends of Double Trigger and Samraan and then had just Classic Cliche in front of him. So well was the five-year-old travelling, that his passenger could afford to take a cheeky tug before striking out for the post. At the line there was three-quarters of a length of space behind him.

like that and I just went out caught and passed Hopping

as the owner and trainer let me do what I wanted," Eddery said. "It was marvellous."

That David Morley managed to send out such a positive message was a tribute to his stagecraft. He actually felt dreadful. The trainer heard rain spattering against his bed-room window in the dark hours and felt like climbing out on to the ledge for a closer inspection. "I was in the depths of despair this morning with all that rain having fallen," the Newmarket man said. "I was awake from 4.15am listening to the rain and the more it came down the more despondent I got. I thought he had no chance."

Celeric should be Celeriac, a turnip-rooted variety of celery, but somewhere in the transmission to Weatherbys an "a" went missing. He was bred, appropriately enough, in the back garden of his owner, Christopher Spence. "The small stud we have is literally in the garden at home," he said. Celeric's mother. Hot Spice, has produced a greengrocers' shelf of offspring as her progeny also includes Sesame, Myrch, Camomile,

Turmeric and Zucchini. Elsewhere, there were victories for figures who do not have to ask for directions to the

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Best Before Dawn (Royal Ascot 3.45) NB: Predappio (Royal Ascot 3.05)

winners' enclosure at the Royal meeting. Yashmak was devastating in the Ribblesdale Stakes for Henry Cecil, while Paul Cole's Central Park provoked a quote of 25-1 for the 1998 2,000 Guineas from Coral with his success in the Chesham Stakes. But perhaps the most warming success was that of Cole's former assistant, Kevin

The only people who fancied his Tippitt Boy in the Norfolk Stakes were probably those who liked the name or devotees of the system of backing the outsider of six. Tippitt Boy, how-ever, seemed to be unaware that The horse loves to be ridden he was a 33-1 option as he



Grey Shot leads the Gold Cup field round the first bend and away from the stands yesterday with the winner, Celeric, towards the real

Photograph: Robert Hallam

long, "This is the best day of my life," McAuliffe said. "I've always thought he was a good horse, the best two-year-old I have ever trained." To be fair, that particular race does not reouire much winning.

McAuliffe has been training from Delamere Cottage stables in Lambourn for four years, employing the expertise he collected at Whatcombe, "Paul [Cole] is a very good trainer of wo-year-olds and he taught me the bottom line is buying young horses," he said. "He taught me that if you buy a selling plater, it will always be a selling plater."

There were plenty who thought Tippitt Boy was not much above that class before yesterday. After his defeat at Redcar in May one of the trade papers opined that he "might be capable of winning a seller on a small track". They were right. Royal Ascot set an attendance record for the third successive day yesterday. The Ladies' Day crowd of 77,543 beat the previous best of 76.640. set in 1986.

Almaty may be a late with-Stand Stakes if the rain-softened

Oggi can heal wounds

If Thursday at Royal Ascot is Ladies' Day, then the Friday is surely Losers' Day, when smart punters who are showing a profit after the first 18 races retreat from the battle in a warm haze of self-congratulation, and those with losses to chase steel themselves for a final, desperate rearguard action.

There can, in truth, be little other reason to speculate on the Wokingham Handicap, six furlongs of utterly unpredictable bump and bustle, but as the bookmakers are only too aware. a substantial proportion of the nation's backers are in just such an unfortunate position. Since the Wokingham is the only handicap on this afternoon's card, meanwhile, there are few opportunities to perform the corrective surgery that their bank balances require.

A further complication is the rain which arrived at Ascot drawal from today's King's yesterday, turning the ground to good, and with more apparently

be of the gluey consistency which seems a speciality of this course. This would, however, offer assistance in assessing the effect of the draw, since soft ground at Ascot tends to favour those on the stands side, and since most of the pace in today's race - in the form of the likes of Selhurstpark Flyer and Bollin Joanne - is already in lownumbered stalls, this is proba-

bly the side to concentrate on.

Take recent form into con-sideration, meanwhile, and the field condenses into a fairly manageable shortlist, with Bollin Joanne and, above all, OGGI (nap 3.45) the ones to catch the eye. Oggi may be six vears old, but he has improved steadily throughout the season and his only reverse in three outings came when he started from an unfavourable draw at Newmarket. Although he is in stall 16 this afternoon, Ray Cochrane will probably tack across to the stands side, and at around 12-1, Peter Makin's sprinter could well be salvation

with a leg at each corner.

cipal supporting act in the King's Stand Stakes, with an 18runner field almost as difficult to dissect as that for the previous race. Ya Malak, a winner at Epsom on Derby day, has returned to the form which carried him into second place in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York two years ago, and Alex Greaves, his ockey, may well become the first female rider to win one of Royal Ascot's Pattern events. but Almaty (4.20) is a better bet to get the visiting American. Gary Stevens, off the mark for

An intriguing renewal of the Hardwicke Stakes marks the seasonal debut of Lady Carla. last year's Oaks winner, with the 1996 Breeders' Cup Turf winner. Pilsudski, among her oppo-nents. At around 10-1, though, a far better bet is Busy Flight (next best 3.05), who was not quite a match for these as a three-year-old but seems to have improved with age, while Panama City (4.55), Contrary Mary (2.30) and Old Rouvel (5.30) will also go to post with

the week.

ROYAL ASCOT

2.30: WANDERING WOLF is iteported to be working well and with leading French rider Olivier Peslier booked, apparently better fancied than his stablemate Quiz Show - could emulate Dazzle, who won this last year on her debut. Contrary Mary, easy winner at Lingdeld on her debut, has more to do here but is a danger.

3.05: PILSUDSKI, a well-beaten third to Helissio in the Group One Prix Ganay over an inadequate Im 2f 110yds at Longchamp on his reappearance, will be hard to beat if reproducing the form he showed to land the Grade One Breeders' Cup Turl over 1m 4l at Woodbine last autumn. Predappio, who made Tuesday's brilliant Group Two Prince Of Wales's Stakes winner, Bosra Sham, pull out most of the stops in the 1m 2f iroup Three Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown last time, is probably even better at this trip and is a hig danger.

Starting-prices:

3.45: Emerging Market won this race a year ago and, despite he-ing 4lb higher in the handicap, is a tough sort who thrives on the hustle and bustle of big fields. Drawn low last year, this five-yearold is drawn high this time. Also

on the far side is Perryston View reinvenated by a wind operation. Among the low numbers, Best Before Dawn looks a formidable op-ponent after his six-length Curragh victory two weeks ago. Drawn aloneside is the well-backed Bollin Joanne, 61b higher after her York win last month. But lurking at the foot of the weights is YOU-DONTSAY. From a yard that has returned to form of late, this mare usually records her best performances at this time of year and looks a useful each-way ber at the 28-1 available this morning.

4.20: YA MALAK, who showed superb speed to win a rated handicap by five lengths in smart time over Epsom's easy five furlongs on Derby day, also has plenty of form over stiffer courses and should make a hold bid. Easycall, a smart sprinter as a two-year-old. cut little ice on his reappearance but may yet to develop into a smart performer this year. He rates the danger.

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Dunlop - 26 winners from 1:89 numers

gives a success ratio of 18.7% and a profit to a 51 level stake of \$71,90; J Gooden — 18 winners, 113 runners, 15.9%, -513.56; H Geell — 16 winners, 83 runners, 19.3%, +\$35,92; M Stoute — 16 winners, 145 numers, 11,3%, -\$37,43. ELEADING JOCKEYS: L Dettorf -- 32 winners, 200 roles, 15.6%, +\$1.42; Pat Eddery — 30 winners, 233 rides, 12.9%, -542.83; T Quian — 25 winners, 181 rides, 14.4%, +59.24; J Reid — 25 winners, 295 rides, 12.2%, -59.80.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hob Returns (visored) (3.45); Aardwolf (vis WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNESS (within GB): French Holly (5.39) has been sent 244 miles by F Murphy from West Witton, North Forkshire; One Singer (2.30) sent 243 miles by M ohnston Irom Middlehum, North Yorkshire.

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BETTING: 4-1 Contrary Mary, 5-1 Alfiglia, 11-2 Astrock, 6-1 Shegardi, 9-1 Co	stacky Castle, 10-1

One Singer, 12-1 Wandering Wolf, 14-1 Quiz Show, 16-1 Lord Kintyre, 20-1 others 1996: Dazzle 8 5 K Fation 7-2 fav (M Stoute) drawn (11) 10 ran FORM GUEDE

Dazzle's win on her debut last year means we have to respect Richard Hannon's newcomers Woodering Wolf, with Okwer Pesser booked, and the fifty Quits Show, a half-saser to Mind Games. One sure to like the ground is Contactiny Coatie, who wobbled about on the firm when winning at Notingham on his second start. Past Eddery stays with him and Contactiny Coatie is a son of Pip's Prite, who overcame bog-like conditions in the Racecal Trophy at Redicar five years ago. ALFIGLIA runs up the stands' side rail after a debut win at Windson. Peter Makin doesn't have that many newcomer wanters so Alfiglia can improve further. The base that will force of Confil Love transports light graphed with carried of the transfer. Windsor. Peter Makin doesn't have that many newcomer warners so Alligia can improve further. She beat the well-fanced Geoff Lewis newcomer Islamabad, who came out to trash
Gypsy Hill at Bath. That form-line suggests Afrigia has every hope of beating Lewis's representative loday. Contrary Many and Lord Windyre and Aurigny, who were all behind
Gypsy Hill at Bath. Contrary Many and Lord Windyre wate making their debuts there, and both
improved enough to win their next starts. Contrary Many threshed Den Ots at Linglied and
the booking of Meck kinane suggests stable confidence. The slower undertoot conditions
puts me off Shepariti, who was easily held by Altanic Viong at Newcastie after his softground debut second to Dalgence at Goodwood Isoft). One Singer may again stay on stronger
tran Vice Presidential after his soft-ground second to Heavenly Abstone at Ayr, and the
stable won the Bittannia States on Tuesday. Asfaret looked all over the winner at Levesre until caulet by Ladvin Walding, who save the form a rice bosts with a fine second to ter until caught by Lady in Waxing, who gave the form a nice boost with a fine second to Sapphire Ring at York,

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- 10 declared -BETTERC: 9-4 Piksudald, 7-2 Predappio, 6-1 Ring Alex, Lady Carta, 13-2 Destryantor, 10-5 Royal Court. 12-1 Berry Flight, Whitewater Affair, 25-1 Bio-Aristokrati, 50-1 Mengel Warrior 1996: Oscar Schingler 4 & 9 M.) Kindne 7 4 fav (K. Prendergast, M.) drawn (8) 8 fan

FORM GUIDE

Ning Alex takes a sharp rise in class after his Listed-roce run at Coodwood, but then again Plaudistic came from handicaps. The ground will suit Roger Charton's charge, and he'll be more battle-hardened after Goodwood where he was pulling back Germano at the inne. The penalised Pisudish, who nos a flop here last year in the Prince of Waler's Stakes, is back to 12-furtongs after his Prix Garray (Im 20 third to Helsaso, Pisudish just kept on getting better last year and followed his Arc securit with an affiliane best performance to beat stablemate Singspiel and Swaan at Woodbine with Dustryambri well beater in severali. With Singspiel rayining clean asky with the Coronation Cup at Eposim, Pisudish is the Carragh List August. Predappol, shitched to Goodbina from John Co., has form in soft ground, and his rim against Bosas Shari in the Ragader Gerard, over a tru short of his best, will have put from strange. But Henry Cool may put off a minor miscle with LADY CARLA on the tity's first in for 11 months. So impressive when besting Pricket in the Coils. Lady Carlo is reportedly back in great order after her verticine problems. She has been Rising Eva Luna on the gallops and that fify borbed up at Lecestor list Saurday night. Whitewater Affair is a roung fifty who will act our the rain-softened ground. However, there are doubts whether her John Porter Stakes form is good enough for this. The tront-numer Busy Flight has a similar chance to Whitewater Affair on a line through Mons, while Royal Court, Ela-Aristokrati and Mongol Warnfor Look too highly tred.

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FORM GUIDE American order Gary Stevens dons the Entrepreneur colours on DANETBRE, who can show his true worth after the recent rain. Not too many throe-year-cles run in this sonnt and the 19-draw is in no man's land. But a sension draw hos hall stopped Rec Robbo and Fig. to the Stars this week. A wed register governie and backed accordingly on his declid and when writing at Newcastle, Danesine was later prized in the Holighton States (second to Comson Tide) at Newmarket. Darret me has been a bit quiet this term, but his latest ser Oggi Dealern just over three lengths) at Goodwood gaze signs of improvement. He meets Oggi on 6to better terms and this will be his ground. The Goodwood third Sea-Dear and Ogg on our usual value from the feether with the feether with the policy of the feether fourth Warding Time (penaliset 8th for the Epson with thate no appeal, but bounce was isoth) has well there on his reapearance. On his section run last year Double Bounce was a close third in this race to Emerging Market, and shouldn't be far away again. Emerging Market runs on the opposite side today after his loss-from with 12 months ago. He is 3to Market runs on the opposite side today after his loss-from with 12 months ago. He is 3to Market runs on the opposite side today after his loss-from with the second, Prince Babar, though the ground was not be as fast this trave. To The Roof and Astract Inon this in 1995) were softh and seventh from a high chair last year and both meet Emerging Market on worse terms. Pernyation View will be fresh again after the sexich-work rest since his Neumannet win in a rock that has thrown up humanous winners. He has gone up 7 his, but taking the Neumannet second Sir Joey (fifth in this lest year) as a glade, Pernyation View has a fine thance getting a stone from Emerging Market. Bollin Josome is progressive, she has a low draw and the stable is in the form. She can be familied to confirm York form with Talmblawted Ridge. the supple is in large form. She can be fanced to confirm York form with Tulinblawled Ridge, but World Premier Literal is a danger with a 4th pull on a course he idea. Wildwood Flower was smart last term and has faced some really fough tasks this season. She has claims, along with insh raider Boat Before Dalvia livanier over so furlongs last yeart, who has won be particularly under 10st this season. Alexander, with his seven-furlong starting, has a course, stong with Lingfield surface Yourdandson. song with Unglield numer Youtonissay, who could well improve a lot on lest year's un-placed effort now the ground is night for her.

Selection: DANETIME

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10	6-5151	YA MALAK (13) (D) (Contrac Promptions Ltd) () Nacholis 6.9.2 Alex Greaves 13 121
11	01-554	DON'T WORRY ME (20) (D) U.F. Groomanii G. Hennot (Fr) 5.8.13 O Pasiler 4.103
12	621031	HEVER GOLF ROSE (17) (D) (Hever Racing 1) Newstron 6 8 13 . Pag Eddery 3 105
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14	3.21	CATHEDRAL (57) (D) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) B Meethan 3 8 10 T Quinn 9 94
.15	112-35	CHECK THE BAND (18) (D) U T L Yorks in A P O'Brien (In) 3 8 10 C Roche 12 B 100
16		COMPTON PLACE (20) (D) (BF) (Duke of Devaryone) / Taker 3 8 10 Septiers 7 111
17		DEEP FINESSE (48) (D) Donn E Small M. Janus 3 8 10 M. Roberts 5 B 11.
18		EASYCALL (25) (CD) (Easycyd Partnership) B Maetran 3 8 10 M Telebutt 11 115
	-	- 18 declared -

- 46 procured BETTING: 5-1 Almaty, 6-1 Ya Majak, 9-1 Hever Golf Rose, Titus Livius, 10-1 Compton Place, Easycall, Rambing Bear, 11-1 Bolshoi, Doep Finesse, 14-1 Croft Pool, 16-1 Strugger, 20-1 Royal Figurine, 33-1 others

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Almety has joined John Gosden since his third in this last year, but he could be stretched to confirm the form with HEVER GOLF ROSE, who was fourth on ground loo lively for her. Pall Eddery again takes the ride and Hever Golf Rose, a winner at Taby list time, confirmed her liking for can when beating Titus Livius in Long-charmy tast month. Thus Livius did reverse the form with her at Chanully, but the ground was faster there and the French rainer shareer outline in septial list year Easystall can prove the pick of the younger brightle her give Gib and a beating to Check The Band on the router lists October, with Deep Fleesse Gibs and a beating to Check The Band on the router lists October, with Deep Fleesse descriptions in bettle. nesse disappointing in tertifi. Better for his ron in primaren, compared formula States of Malak priged home in a horacap at Eprons after his good nes in the Trimple States of Sandown, but the ground tooks to have given against him.

Salection: HEVER GOLD Ringle. se disappointing in tenth. Butter for his run at Sandown, Eusychii looks a thrisit, Ya

4.55 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (GROUP 2) (CLASS A) £80,000

L		added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £73,384	
1	0-14	KINGRISHER MILL (USA) (37) (Lord Haward De Waldern Lim, J Cred 8 N.	Pat Eddery 2
2	20150	MUSICAL DANCER (USA) (26) Illustraum Al Matrophia I (Union & R	K Fallon 3
3		PALLIO SARY (SB) (D) U E NECH / DEJICO S B	M / Ninade 1
4	12:713	PANAMA CITY (USA) (26) (D) (BF) IR 5 Sangueri P Clubble Hanni 8 B	- J Rold 6
5		SHAYA (24) (BF) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) W P Hem 8 K	R Harls S
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		- 8 declared -	
BE	MN6: 9-4	Passessa City. 5-2 Kingfisher Mill. 5-1 Musical Doncor, Pallo Sky, 6-1	Solo Mip. 12·1

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Only so go here, but it's incly enough with the profinessive Pallo Sky and SOLO MIO in with every hope for the step up in grade. It could be 'sole Min's day - the cell having sail ground ability and so promising at Chester which record to Conon Falls. John Dunlop usually has a leading contented for this and Pallo Sky har done nothing wrong, while the coil with the top form. Wingflather Mill, promises to stay the trop paged on his fourth to Berrin. The Dip in the Dunle at York. Shays could well be a different coil over this true now that have been from that counts and based once there have been sent and the content. he's away from tast ground, and Puler Chapple Hyam reports Page leatly well since his Italian Derby third to stableman. Single Empire. He has a leading chance

5	.30	QUEEN ALEXANDRA STAKES (CLASS B) £30,000 added 2m 6f 34yds Penaity Value £19,164
1	113-14	CANON CAN (USA) (44) (BF) (Canon () A Lici H Cont 4 () 1
2	6-075	AARDMOLE (34) (130) Carrier (Monday) Charles is 0.0
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6	00-564	PELLINGER (LIE) (IRE (Tables II) Married M. Musicipalin 9 G. G. Honer Street 40
7		PRENCH HOLLY JUSA) [159] IN Flood F Murth, 690
8	41/501	CENERAL ASSEMBLY (13) (BF) (HRH Prince Fard Spinani H Cool 5 9 0 W Ryon 8
9	1.6120	MCMCALLOCH (2) (BP) F) Canco) Proc 890
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12		OLD ROUNEL (USA) (64) (Mrs. R D Congli) D Murro, Smith 6 9 0
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1-	<i>9</i> 0-741	PREMER NIGHT (23) (1) G Churston: 5 Don 4 8 7
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BETTING: 4-1 Canon Can. 9-2 Behamian Sanghine, 11-2 General Assembly, 7-1 Dansydan, 8-1 Old Rouvel, 10-1 Inchcellioch, 12-1 Speed To Load, 14-1 French Holly, Pleasureland, 20-1 others **1996:** Admira's Well 6 9 3 / Quant 100-30 for IR Ake**turs**ti drawn (1): 10 i.m. PORM GUIDE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY looks the outland out stayer required for this test, and he significance GENERAL ASSEMBLY tooks the outland out stayer required for this test, and he's protected of stablemate Canon Can, who looks a shade suspect in the present after hit, flor in the Chester Cup. Reg Aleburst won the race last year and he now have Bahamilan Sunshing, fourth in the race for David Loder. He was a pleasing second to teach last month and rates a threat here, though General Assembly didn't give his true manage that day. Speed To a threat here, though General Assembly didn't give his true manage that day. Speed To Load was second 12 months for Herry Cecil, but this will be taken staming performance to an after a long layoff, a remark which also applies to post own where of the race. Cut? Link, Old Received was that in this lost year and will love this giver, With Mich Minare has seed. Old Require will be plugging on again, and is preterred to incheatiloob, well bestern in the Ascot Stakes on fuesday and possible unsured by this surfue. Darraydan had fine straying form last season and has been decent over hundles since having getted, while Prenich Holling and Research Stakes on the Baraydan and other decent over hundles and have getted, while Prenich Holling and Research Stakes and Research Stakes. lgm last season and has been decent over hundes since turner genure, more to both lgm last season and has been decent over hundes since the genure. It is a season and pleasure Shared are other decent sorts from the content species.

Selection (GENERAL ASSEMBLY)

Shortest-priced winner: Bel Byou (1987) 11-2 Longest-priced winner: Red Rosein (1992), Emerging Market (1996) 33-1 Top trainer: R Harmon - Knight Of Mercy (1990), Venture Capitalist (1994) ::-Top jackeys: No jackey has won this race more than once in the past 10 years 🗟

ROYAL ASCOT FIRST SHOW

WOKINGHAM STAKES - 10-YEAR-TALE

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Winner's place in betting: 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0

Profit or loss to £1 stake: Favourities -£3.50 Second Favourities -£10.00

Percentage of winners placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in last race: 60%

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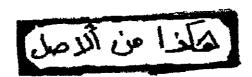
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\$20; Grandstand \$10 (Students & QAPs \$5). CAR PARK: Pree.	- 9 deslared -
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Silent System (2.10),	BETTING: 3-1 Squire Corrie, 4-1 Garapek Vallay, 9-2 Laurei Delight, 6-1
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Squire Corrie (3.20)	That Man Again, Racescy Hope, 8-1 Rich Glow, 10-1 Palliom, 12-1 others
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5 605004 MILETRIAN CITY (4) / Berry 4 8 10	land Pride, 6-1 Winsome George, 25-1 Crosby Dun
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12 -00000 SILBRT SYSTEM (18) D Creamen 4 7 10P Bradley (5) 7 B	3 231-24 BRAVE MONTROWERE (16) (C) Mrs L Peraix 93 . A Culture 5
- 12 declared -	4 15-312 CAN CAN LADY [31] M Johnston B 13
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BETTING: 3-1 Morocco, 7-2 Remains Green, 5-1 Shortaine, 6-1 Miletri-	6 35-53 MYSTIQUE AIR (20) E Weymes 8.6
an City, 8-1 Seconds Augy, 18-1 David James' Cirl, 14-1 others	- 6 declered -
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4 224 PREX STAR (29) C Faithurst 9 0	3 5-6006 ADVANCE EAST (11) M Dods 5 8 5
5 3226 QUIZ MASTER (22) (BF) E Waymes 9 0	4 00-003 WOMMERAGO (11) C Thorreon 484
6 DURGAMS DELIGHT B Majray 89	5 044-05 FANADIYR (J15) J Coltae 5 7 12
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- 8 declared -	- 7 declared -
BETTIME: 9-4 Prix Star, 11-4 Aix En Provence, 3-1 Quiz Mester, 5-1 Pro-	BETTING: 5-4 Autumn Time, 9-4 Lodgestry Une, 9-2 Indigo Dave, 8-1
dance, 10-1 Globe Raider, 20-1 Durgams Delight, 25-1 others	Winnebago, 14-1 Fenediyr, 20-1 Advance East, 33-1 Rattle
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5.15 Gee Bee Boy	- 10 declared -
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DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 5f to 1m.	The Present, 18-1 Saint Express, Box Health Boy, Relaterati, 12-1 others
Left-hand, tight course, with a one role straight.	• • • •
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Howton - Sakburn line) 300yd, ADMISSION: Club 5 12; Padduck	4.05 K M GROUP SERVICES HANDICAP (CLASS I D) £5,000 added 3YO 7f
\$8 (OAPs \$3.50); Course \$2.50 (OAPs \$1.25). CAR PARK: Free	
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Indian Brave (4.05); Media Star (vi-	1 23-04 BADIAN BRAVE (13) (BF) M Johnston 9 7 Dean McKeown 5 B
sored) (4.40).	2 0-23 FREDERICK JAMES (13) M Heaton-Bis 9 2 Carroll 7
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nonc.	3 112 ROCK ISLAND LINE (29) (D) J Berry 8 12
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(4.05) sent :57 miles by M Heaton-Ellis from Wroughson, With;	6 042060 LA DOLCE VITA (13) (D) T D Barron 8 7
Generoux (4.40) sent 255 miles by S Mellor from Wankerough, Wilks.	7 033010 SNMFT (4) M Polgiose 8 3 J Tate 9
	8 5160-0 TRIBAL MISCHIEF (43) D Motion 8.3. Derren Motion (3) 3
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Dangerman, Ossiene, 8-1 Lunchtime Girl, 10-1 Plying High, 14-1 others	5 D43 SAN GLANORE MELODY (FR) (7) I Gosden 3 8 4 I Lowe 6
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OF E NEWTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F)	7 O STONED MACHAGE (34) F Murphy 3 ? 13
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T D declared _	4 0-0600 GOLDEN SADDLE (USA) (7) P Cole 9 0
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tion, 6-1 Major Mosse, 25-1 Masters, 53-1 desers	e 05.220 PORTE PRE (PR) (2月) PB(8 11 ,
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DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.	- 6 declared - BETTERS: 6-4 Ministrak, 4-1 Markstone, 11-2 Declarides, Doctor, 13-2 No-
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ROYAL ASCOT 2.30: 1. YASHMAK (K Fellon) 7-2; 2. Alearing 9-1; 3. Grown of Light 100-30 fav. rem. 9, 3½. (H Cecil, Newtonike)). Total: 3.70: £1.40, £2.80, £1.40 Dual Forecast: 20.40, Computer Streight Forecast: £26.52, no: £11.90. 3.05: 1. TEPRIT BOY URed) 33-1; 2. Hopeld (Highes 4-1; 3. Actuatic Cay 6-1, 6 ram. 22 (Fass Bodylgard (AT), 6 Paol Music (5th), 16-10, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £43.60, CSF: 126.39. 3.48: 1. CELERIC (Pat Eddey) 11-2; 2. Alearing SA-2.	CSF: £102.86. Tricest: £944.82. £251.50 (part won, pool of £318.91 forward). 4.30: 1. NOSEY NATIVE (Mrs. L.Pe £2. High Low 20-1; 3. Santled 1; no., 9-2 for Express Gd (43h). 5. %. (J Newmarket). Tober £8.00: £2.20, £3.00. DF: £119.10. CSF: £151.11. £1.623.43. Tric. £192.30 (part won, £210.03 carried forward to Assot 3.45 Æ210.03 carried forward to Assot 3.45 Æ410 of stewards' mounty, Summartal who fireshed first was disquelified and last. 5.00: 1. HEART OF GOLD (A McGa
fassic Clicke 6-1; 3. Election bay 25-1 3 sten. 9-2 fav Persan Punch. 7, 1, 10 Mor- ny, Newmarket). Tota: £5.30; £2.00, £1.90 5.00, DF: £9.70. CSF: £31.56. Too:	4; 2, Klondiko Charger 11-2; 3, Se Sound 14-1, 6 ren, 5-2 fav Scampt 10, 5, (Mss S Hell, Middleham), Tota: £1.30, £2.30, DF: £10.60, CSF: £16.0
125.30. 4.20: 1. ROYAL APPLAUSE (M Has) 11-	To Tol. 5.40: 1 ANAK-KU (S Sanders) 9-2:

RACING RESILITS

2 tay, 2. Blue Gobile, 13-2; 3. Catch The Blues 12-1, 28 man. 1½, sin-hd, 18 Hak, Lam-bourn, Totes: £4.70; £2.00, £2.60, £5.20, DF: £33.00, CSF: £30.25, Tao; £112.00, NRS; Kikulien Lad, Northre Premer. 4.55: 1, CENTRAL PARK (). Delion; 7-1; 2. Cape Verdi 2-1 hw. 3, Wales 12-1, 12 man. 1½, 4, (F. Cole, Whatcombel, Totes: £4.70; £1.40, £1.30, £3.30, DF: £5.10, CSF; £18.04, Tido: £24.40.

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5.30: 1. HERTINGE (I. Dettori) 15-2: 2. Taunt 16-1: 3. Chr's Pearl 14-1: 4. Memorise 10-1: 20 ran. 7-1 law Ster Precision (6th), 1, 3½, U Gosden, Newmarten), Totatification; £1.50, £8.40, £8.80, £2.40, DF; £1.11.00, CSF; £112.86, Incast: £1.556.61. This: £854.00, Jackpot: £113.03.5.90 (part won, pool of £144.878.32 to Ascot roday).

Placapot: £222.20, Qendroot: £19.50, Place 6: £206.23, Place 5: £139.01.

RIPON

2.10: 1. RAPRE (6 Hnd) 6-1: 2. BBly Nomello 12-1: 3. Northern Flash 8-1. 12 ran. 2-1 faw Monaco (4th). 2/s. /s. (6 Weymes, Layburn). Totar 65:80: £1.80, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £20.50. CSF: £64.42. Truc: £70.80. 2.45: 1. ROYAL DREAM (P Fessey) 4-1: 2. Cambriden Careso 2-1: 2. Dekt 11-8 tax. 6 ráss. 24; /s. U Berry, Cockerham). Totar £3.80; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £5.20. CSF: £12.13. 3.20: 1. BLESSINGINDISGUISE (G Parlen) 9-1: 2. Mousochole 13-2: 3. Tant And A Reaf 9-1: 1.4 ran. 11-4 faw insider Trader, V. nd. (A W Easterby, Swerth Hussan, Totar £10.70; £3.50, £2.80, £2.60. DF: £96.90. CSF: £65.46. Tracest: £532.59. Truc: £554.50. 3.55: 1. AL MASROOR (Dean McVecum)

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burnos 4-5 for, 3, Piocentino 4-1, 8 ras, 91; hd, 1, Mess Gay Meleony, Mitterminel, Total £5.20; £1.80, £1.20, £2.20, DF; £3.30, CSF; £8.48,

SOUTHWELL,

2.20: 1. SOCKET SET (I. Newton) 5-2 fav; 2. Happy Days Again 3-1; 3. Opopmil 9-1. 12 rain. 1/4, 3/4, [B McMathon). Tota: E6.80: £1.30, £2.10, £5.30. DF: £11.10. CSF: £11.62. Tho: £96.10 (part wor, pool of £74.52 to Royal Ascot 3.45 today). of £74.52 to Royal Ascot 3.45 today).

2.55: 1. PRIVATE FROTURE (3 Duffeet) 81: 2. Anyar Rosen 5: 1: 3. Cheangage Wesrlor 11-8 fav. 8 ram. ½, 4. (D Marks). Tota:
£7.30; £2.20, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £19.60.
CSF. £43.62.

3.30: 1. BIG BANG (J Quren) 10-1; 2.
Bonne Ville 5: 1; 3. Kuestoos KQ Klaseste 121. 9 ram. 2-1 fav. Alagna. nl., rl., [M Stanshard). Tota: £14.00; £2.20, £2.60, £1.80.
DF: £20.20. CSF. £58.54. Theast: £573.23.
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Tric: £65.40. 4.05: 1. BOLD ARISTOCRAT (F Lynch) 10-1; 2, Stolen Kiss 7-4 for; 3, Al Rest 16-1. 10 ran. rk. 2%. (R Holirstean). Tota: £11.30; £3.10, £1.90, £2.90. DF: £19.60. CSF: £29.93. Tro: £80.30.

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4.40: 1. RBNS THE CHIEF (G Hannon) 41 fav. 2. Spanish Stripper 14-1; 3. Arrases
Ledy 33-1. 15 ran. Nt., 7. (M Usher). Tote:
58.00: £3.50. £1.90, £76.80. Dr. £15.40.
CSF: £57.11. Totast: £1,561.26. Tno; not

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5.15: 1. JOHNNEE THE JOKER (J) Sweeney.

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7.2: 2. John Holley 6-1: 3. Mutahade(t): 9
1. 12 ran. 9-4 fav Mercury (4th). 6, %. U leagh). Tokes 14.40; 52.30, £5.20, £2.80.

DF: £22.00. CSP: £25.68. Frozas: £175.50.

Troc. £79.20.

**Tracered FS73 E-0. Overdend: £61.50. Place 6: £219.76. Place 5: £117.82.

New Savings Rates from the Bristol & West.

EFFECTIVE 1ST JULY 1997 (unless otherwise stated). † Effective 10th July 1997.

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	INVESTED	PA* (VARIABLE)			INVESTED	PA" (VARIABLE)	
INSTANT ACCESS DEPOSIT	£100,000+	3.80%	3.04%	PREMIER PLUS MONTHLY INCOME	£100,000+	5.65%	4.52%
	£50.000+	3.80%	3.04%	ISSUE 1	£50,000+	5.37%	4.29%
	£25,000+	3.60%	2.88%	Three months notice required for	£25,000+	5.13%	4.10%
	£10,000+	3.30%	2.64%	withdrawal, and interest paid monthly.	£10,000+	4.89%	3.91%
	£5,000+	2.90%	2.32%		£5.000+	4.51%	3.60%
	£2.000+	2.70%	2.16%		£2,000+	3.93%	3.14%
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	£1+	0.20%	0.16%	PREMIER TWELVE	£100,000+	6.55%	5.24%
				Variable (Issue 1) Rate Options paying	£50,000+	6.55%	5.24%
AONTHLY SAVER	£5000+	3.40%	2.72%	interest annually.	£25,000+	6.45%	5.16%
	£2500+	3.40%	2.72%		£10,000+	6.40%	5.12%
	£1000+	3.35%	2.68%		£5,000+	6.25%	5.00%
	£500+	3.30%	2.64%				
	£1+	3.20%	2.56%	PREMIER TWELVE	£100,000+	6.36%	5.09%
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	£5,000+	4.60%	3.68%	BONUS TESSA	£3000+	5.25%	
	£2,500+	4.00%	3.20%	(No longer available).	£500+	3.75%	
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	£25,000+	5.13%	4.10%		£3,000+	6.30%	
	£10,000+	4.89%	3.91%		£500+	4.50%	
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	£5000+	5.84% 5.70%	4.67% 4.56%	and Cheshuat Subs. Share, all no longer	£5,000+	2.03%	1.62%
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COUNTDOWN TO WIMBLEDON: Tim Henman's success has turned life upside down for his coach, as he tells John Roberts

Felgate the fall guy for the nation

hen the nation expects, heaven help anybody who fails to deliver. Not long ago that dictum scarcely applied to tennis, chiefly because the nation had forgotten what it was supposed to be expecting. A memo was issued once a year along with a list of the British wild card entries for Wimbledon.

The advent of Tim Henman has changed the perception. The nation probably expects too much of the young man from Oxford, who has become one of the world's top 20 players since advancing to the quarter-fi-nals at the All England Club last year.

Accordingly, Henman's coach, David Felgate, has acquired guru status. Although not quite elevated to the win-or-bust prominence of a national football manager or coach, he does carry a weight of responsi-bility. While Felgate is unlikely to be depicted as a turnip, a strawberry cannot be ruled out.

"Pressure," the 33-year-old Felgate says, savouring the word. "That's the fun part, isn't it. I'm quite happy to take all the success with Tim, but if things go badly I know... well, not that my head's on the block, because Tim and I have a good relationship, but you [media) guys, or whatever, are going to say things. And that's fine, because that's what drives me on, personally,

"If Tim starts losing, they'll all want to know why. And they'll look at Tim first. And then is it me? Or then, is he spending too much time for his contracts? All of those things. The most important thing is Tim and I know where we're headed and the reasons behind it. We're honest with each other."

Two particular memories of Felgate are called to mind, the first from his time as a player, the second when he was a budding

The opening day at Wimbledon in 1988 saw 20 aces from Boris Becker against Australia's John Frawley and a service return from the German which struck the netcord judge. Rachael Boley, in the ribs. Becker chivalrously tended to her.

Felgate, meanwhile, was aced 20 times on Court No 1 while playing his first, and last, match in the Wimbledon singles. The British No 9 from Essex was defeated by Ivan Lendl, runner-up for the previous two years, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, in 83 minutes.

Par for the course for a Brit with a wild card? "Yes, it was." Felgate says. "I don't look back on my career, or indeed that par- ticular occasion, with any great delight, to be really honest.

"You sit in a pub with somebody. 'What did you do? Well. I played professional tennis'. 'Did vou ever play Wimbledon?' Yes, I played Wimbledon, played the Australian Open, where I qualified on mer-

it, played the top 100 in doubles'. So I did achieve. If you put it in the context of professional footballers, there's 200 players in the First Division alone, aren't there. So there's a chance I might have been on a squad there, or played in the Second Division or something.

"I was an athlete, a sportsman. But I don't look back. I'm a coach now. And they have no bearing on each other in a lot of ways. I mean, I learnt a lot from it, and I was always interested in coaching.

"Yes, it was par for the course, and I can get angry a little bit when I look back on it. because I was so ill-prepared, in my opin-



David Felgate (right) and Tim Henman share a light-hearted moment as the pressure builds towards Wimbledon

ion. I wouldn't lay blame with the LTA [Lawn Tennis Association]. Everybody was doing the best they knew how at the time, I think, for everybody concerned. But I was so illprepared, not just for that occasion, but things in general. And we didn't view ourselves confidently enough. I only realise it now, I didn't

"I went out there [to play Lendi] believing that I could win that day. I know I did, because I know my feelings. I said. Well, if you're ever going to get him, it's first round'. But there wasn't the real conviction. And I don't think people around me, the coaches, really believed Louid, so nobody's really instilling it in you. Whereas I think that the group who will be out to play at Wimbledon this year, no matter who they play. will have the coaches around them wholeheartedly believing, 'Hey, we've got a shot!'
"Let's not forget that Jeremy [Bates] had

three or four pretty good years at the end his career, so he was always the standard bearer, and Mark [Petchey] has dabbled with the top 100 for a little bit.

"It was Greg [Rusedski] and Tim who gave us a feelgood factor. People might say, 'Yes, but take those two away... But you can't take them away. It's like saving take Becker and Stich away from Germany. It's a stupid argument.'

While Felgate was developing his coaching career with the LTA at Bisham Abbey. he would take the opportunity to watch England's footballers train there. It was around that time that Graham Taylor's reign as the national team manager was beginning to show signs of stress.

You can learn from every sport." Felgate, a keen Arsenal supporter, says, "I like

the interaction. That's fascinating. You read in the papers that X doesn't get along with Y. I say to myself. 'Does he not?' Well. that's interesting, and take a look for myself."

His view of those England sessions? "I suppose what struck me was they weren't as advanced as I thought they would be. And being from a sport where personal trainers were coming in, and diets are taken very seriously, I thought, 'God, this is very basic'. You only read about it, but maybe things have moved on."

Did he imagine that his coaching would take on such a high profile? "I dreamt of it, and was working towards it. I knew that if I was going to stay in coaching I wanted to be on the international tour, which is no disrespect to the coaches who work with some of the youngsters. I knew where I to watch how they go about it. I watch the wanted to be and where I could be best tactics. I watch people's skills. And I watch used. It comes back to my view that the tour want to analyse something, but he's got a done, and the ball started rolling."

Photograph: Peter Jay

is not just about how you hit your forehand or how you hit your backhand." Stefan Edberg's long and fruitful association with Tony Pickard, from Nottingham, is a good example of the blending of

technical and psychological skills. "Exactly," Felgate says. "It's quite amusing sometimes to watch matches and a few of you (media) guys around say. His serve let him down today, didn't it?' And I'm just going to go along with, 'Yeah, it did. didn't it. But I know it had nothing to do with that, I know it's something internal. That's something you develop. You can't

force it. That's why some coaching relationships don't work on the tour. "It's important, for example, to know when to say what in certain situations, at certain times and in certain moods within

match the next day, and he's still won, and I think to myself, 'David, just shut up. Just get him built up for tomorrow'

Has it become increasingly difficult to rationalise the external demands created by Henman's progress? "That's what you play for," Felgate says. "You know if you're going to be good, you're going to have fame. It's a little bit irritating when sportsmen say, 'Oh, I didn't know all this was going to go with it', or 'I don't like the limelight'. Well, the interest if the same that the same th don't play it. Play for fun, if you want to, because in the world of sport today, if you're successful, that's what goes with it.

"Everybody wants more [of Tim's time]. which is fine, which is understandable. What makes us laugh is that you almost sense with the British that a player could win the other three Grand Slams in a year and they would say, 'But he didn't win Wimbledon' It's like unless you win the sacred crock, it doesn't matter. That is wrong.

"It all comes back to, But can be win Wimbledon? Will he win Wimbledon? When will he win Wimbledon?' It should be about enjoying everything else that's go-ing on [in tennis], and if he does it, great.

It's getting blown out of proportion, and that's fine, because it's not worrying me or Tim. He's a known entity now, so, yes, his odds will be a lot shorter than they were last year. If people would talk about it in terms of his career - has he got a chance in his career to do it? - for me that's acceptable. The build-up to this year is a little bit silly."

Felgate endeavours to make light of talk that Henman will eventually outgrow his coach and be persuaded to seek guidance elsewhere.

"I used to get upset by it, but it makes me laugh, because the people who make those comments are not very factual. What was Tony Pickard before he met Stefan Edberg? Had he ever been a great player? Had he ever coached anybody? Bob Brett? He was never even a player. Who did Tim Gullikson coach before he coached Sampras? Who did Annacone coach before he coached Sampras. Who did Higueras coach before he coached Courier?

Who coaches Michael Chang?

"His brother." Who coached Chang before his brother?
"His father. We most probably could go through them all..

"The comments that hurt most, that irritate me, are when they are very close to home - ex-players of a bygone era at home. 'Oh. Tim's got to get rid of him', or 'I'd go out and see who the best coach is out there'. All that makes you realise these people haven't a clue about the game of tennis. They're legends in their own minds. I'm afraid to say.

"I'm sure we'll get it around Wimbledon. Somebody will say, 'I always knew Tim was going to be a champion'. They didn't know diddly. They just didn't. Because if they did they should have stood up when he was 14 or 15 and told you all. And nobody did.

"When I first started with Tim. I suppose a place in the top 100 was a goal for the players. We didn't have many there. But I didn't know, and he didn't know, whether he was going to be good, bad or indifferent. It was just a case of, 'Let's go to work each day and do what it takes to be a professional'. And, honestly, that's all we've

Sampras wary of Rusedski

Small Fry

reports from Nottingham

Wavne Ferreira may not rate Greg Rusedski too highly but he received an endorsement from a more elevated source yesterday. Pete Sampras, the world No l and three times the Wimbledon champion, regards the British No 2 as among his most dangerous opponents,

Sampras, who is practising at the All England Club in preparation for next week's championships said: "Rusedski is the one that is tough to play with that lefty serve. Arryone who can serve real oig is always someone you are kind of on an edge to play."

The two players met in the final at San Jose in February when

wrist injury at 0-5 down in the vesterday to play his quarter-fisecond set. Yesterday Sampras conceded he could have lost that match if his opponent had remained fit. "If he had kept up the way he played in the first set he could easily have beaten me," he said. "He was playing top 10 tennis easily throughout the tournament beating Michael Chang and Andre Agassi."

This assessment comes as a contrast to Ferreira, the 15th seed at Wimbledon, who was reported to have described Rusedski as a hig server with little else of substance to reinforce that power. "I have no sympathy for Greg and his style of play." he was quoted as saying.
"He's fortunate to have got so far in the game. Tim Henman is a far more talented player."

Rusedski, who could not get on court at the Nottingham Open

nal against Australia's Jason Stoltenberg because of rain, has improved his world ranking from 48 at the start of the year to 37. At Queen's last week, where he reached the semi-finals, he suggested he will be a dangerous floater at Wimbledon if he can get past the equally strong serve of Australian Mark Philippoussis.

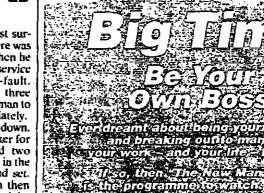
Rusedski is rescheduled to play on Centre Court today after Henman finishes his quarter-final with the South African. Grant Stafford. After two interruptions for rain, the score stood at 6-3, 3-6 last night. Anyone familiar with the

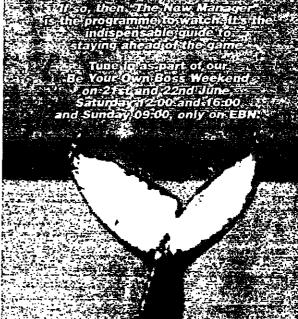
British No 1's play this week will not be surprised to learn he mixed the good with the bad. In the previous rounds he had begun brightly and faded and, as a variation, he did the opposite.

Henman is the highest surviving seed although there was little evidence of that when he surrendered his first service game with a double-fault. Stafford did the same three games later only for Henman to

repeat the lapse immediately. With the rain spitting down. things looked even bleaker for Henman when he had two break points against him in the fifth game of the second set. Three aces rescued him then and the weather completed the salvation operation because he came out of the first interruption like a different man.

Where his service had been as much miss as hit, he suddenly found his range and in the four games that were possible he wrapped up the set 6-3 with his eighth ace of the match so





tournament vesterday morning. with a strained right elbow and Asa Carlsson went into the semi-finals on a walkover. Carlsson now meets the Romanian third seed, Ruxandra

The French second seed,

Dragomir, who struggled past the Belgian Dominique van Roost n-1, 2-1, n-4.

Seles on the rack Krajicek warming up

McCarthy

JOHN ROBERTS

reports from Eastbourne

If Monica Seles was seeking a tough work-out prior to Wimbledon, it came yesterday in the powerful shape of Brenda Schultz-McCarthy in the quarter-finals of the Direct Line Championships.

Seles's prospects of making a successful defence of the only grass-court title of her career was in the balance when rain ended play for the day with her Dutch opponent leading, 7-5, 2-2.

Broken while serving for the opening set at 5-3, Scles was made to appear sluggish once Schultz-McCarthy gained confidence in her own deliveries. The second set was going

with serve, and in analysing the

Wimbledon in 1989, Seles prevailing, 7-6, 1-6.6-4. In the only other quarter-final to get under way yesterday. Natasha Zvereva, of Belarus, led

lost sets in three of her four pre-

vious victories against Schultz-

Their first encounter, and the

only other occasion they met on

grass, was in the first round at

Nathalie Tauziat, of France. 6-4. Weather permitting, two rounds of the tournament will be played today. Play is due to commence at 11am. Bjorn Borg, the five times

Wimbledon champion from Sweden. beat Argentina's er and placement, and the big Guillermo Vilas 5-7, 6-4, 10-8 Dutchman looked mobile and (tiebreak final set), on the opening day of the ATP Senior Tour in Prague. The four-day event incourse of events before stepping cludes only Grand Slam or Davis out again today. Seles would do Cup winners over 35 years of age. Michael Chang plays his quarter-final today against the No 8 cludes only Grand Slam or Davis Michael Chang plays his quar-

well to remind herself that she Richard Krajicek looks to be seed. Spaniard Francisco peaking at the right time for the defence of his Wimbledon ti-Clayet. Earlier in the day on centre tle. The Dutchman demolcourt, the top women's seed,

Anke Huber of Germany, needished German Hendrik Dreekmann 6-0, 6-3 yesterday ed three sets to clinch a semiin the second round of the final place, beating the Belgian Heineken Trophy grass-court No 5 seed, Sabine Appelmans, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6. Huber will line up in today's tournament in Rosmalen, the Netherlands. Krajicek took just 20 minutes semi-finals against the in-form

unseeded Dulchwoman Miriam and three break points to whitewash the first set, clinching it Oremans, who upset the fourth with a full-stretch forehand reseed. Karina Habsudova of Slotrieved from the corner of the vakia, 6-2, 7-5. court. Mary Pierce, pulled out of the

Dreekmann found it impossible to read Krajicek's service. which constantly varied in power and placement, and the big confident. Krajicek now meets the Czech Martin Damm.

The top-seeded American

Rhino of Free State prepares to charge the Lions



about concentration and

surprise to hear him waste one. When I was in the South African army, I spent most of my time as a tank commander," he says, obviously unaware that the word "commander" is superfluous. Jacobus Petrus du Randt,

known to all and sundry south of the equator as "Os", is Spring-bok rugby's equivalent of Table Mountain. You cannot see over him - the official tale of the tape has him at 6ft 3in but he looks three feet taller - and if you opt to go round him, you are in for a very long detour. He is as wide as he is long and that, as the Lions' front row will discover when they take the field for tomorrow's opening Test in Cape Town, makes him very wide indeed.

Du Randt, the rhino of the Free State, is not the quickest prop forward in contemporary international rugby - that par-Photograph: Allsport ticular accolade goes to Adrian

Garvey, his Bokke confrère from Natal – but for all his 19st bal-The Ox is a man of few words, so it comes as something of a last he is no one's idea of a tub of lard; indeed, he had the same time over 40 metres as James Small, the Springbok wing, at a recent fitness assessment get-together. Os on the hoof is a sight for sore eyes, the sort of African challenge Ernest Hemingway would have relished provided he was armed with a 12-bore shotgun and a bottle of brandy.

Worryingly from the Lions' perspective, the scrummaging performance of their tight forwards has been of constant concern since a fairly workaday Eastern Province unit asked all manner of awkward questions in their opening match a month ago. Those worries will increase tenfold if Du Randt raises a gallop at Newlands, for it is safe to say that the tourists have met no one remotely like him thus far. "Scrummaging is all about

concentration and aggression,"

The British Isles' rugby union tourists will face a peerless prop called Os du Randt in the first Test. Chris Hewett reports from Cape Town

dozing his way through approximately a hundred setpieces in a marathon Springbok training session. (He looked as fresh as a daisy, by the way).
"The mindset is the thing that matters. If you've got that right, the rest follows.

"A lot has been said and written about the Lions' scrummaging difficulties but I think they've improved a lot as the tour has gone on. In my experience, no international team has a weak scrummage. It's just that scrummaging is different here in South Africa to the British style. We still use it as a place to exert domination, as we always have, and because we generally play on good surfaces, you can get your legs right back and hit really hard. In England or Wales, the surfaces tend to be loose and you have to pack higher rather

than lower. You just can't scrum there in the same way."

Du Randt was born in September 1972 in Elliot, a tiny town in the Eastern Cape bordering the Transkei, and is almost an exact contemporary of Mark Andrews; the world-class Springbok lock who, remarkably enough, hails from the same handful of houses. "Our paths didn't cross in the early days, even though Elliot was such a small place; Mark was Englishspeaking while I went to the Afrikaans Adelaide Gymnasium. But we both played for South Africa at schools level and have been through a lot together since becoming full Springboks.

"Yes, I was always a prop for-ward; right through school I was bigger than any of my mates. In fact, my weight has stayed pretty steady since my late teens -

I think I've gained about five kilos in the last three years - so I don't suppose it ever occurred to anyone to play me anywhere other than the front row."

Sure enough, since making his Test debut against Argenti-na in Port Elizabeth a little under three years ago, Du Randt has set new standards of front row play in the country that, more than any other, makes a virtue of the mysterious habits and vices of the darkened recesses. From Boy Louw in the Thirties, through Jaap Bekker and Chris Koch in the Fifties. Piet du Toit and Mof Myburgh in the Sixties to Hannes Marais a decade later, the Boks have hero-worshipped their bard nuts far more than the dancing angels outside the scrum. Du Randt is aware of the tradition

and fiercely protective of it.

"In my view, the prop must be the fittest man in any team, he says, adopting a tone that brooks no argument. "It's the most demanding of all positions. especially the way the game is played now. My coaches expect me to scrum, tackle, carry the ball and then scrum again, sometimes in the space of a minute. There is no let-up.

"That is why professionalism could prolong my career rather than shorten it. When I was combining rugby with my job - I faxed mechanical diggers for a living - I would work all day with heavy machinery and then scrum all night with my provincial team. At least there is less pressure now. It allows me to concentrate on nothing but rughy."

As with every other Springbok. Du Randt regards the series with the Lions as an undisputed high watermark of his rughy existence. Only one thing frus-trates him about the make-up of the tour: the loss of the chance

to lock horns with the visitors at provincial as well as international evel. The cornerstone of the Free State's Super 12 pack will miss out on Tuesday night's match in Bloemfontein because of the Springbok hierarchy's decision to keep their players in purdah before each Test.
"Of all teams in South Africa.

Free State have the best spirit, the most togetherness, and I would dearly have loved to play in Bloemfontein. At least I have Naka Drotske, my team-mate. alongside me in the Springbok front row so we're making progress towards a Free State ake-over at Test level, but I will be thinking of the rest of the guys when they take on the Lions next week. If I had the chance, even

now, to go out and play. I would." Somehow, the midweek Lions might be better off under the status quo. If they have to confront big game on this tour. they would rather do it at a safari park than on the rugby field.

Howley ruled out for four months

Rob Howley had his worst fears Wales, was injured during the European tournament, he will confirmed yesterday when the Lions scrum-half was told by doctors that he would have to have a pin inserted in his damaged left shoulder. It means the 26-year-old Cardiff stalwart will be out of action for four months and will miss the majority of

Monday. A scan on his shoul-der revealed torn ligaments in a joint. The pin will be insert-ed at a Cardiff hospital today and will be removed before he resumes playing in late October. their Heineken Cup campaign. As well as being ruled out for Howley, capped 16 times by Cardiff's pool matches in the

Chalmers still on sidelines

Craig Chalmers, the Scotland Longstaff get their chances to stand-off, will again be missing prove themselves in a match for the second tour match against Gauteng Lions at Ellis Park tonight. Chalmers, who has a hamstring injury, missed Scotland's opening game against Zimbabwe but although his injury appears to be clearing up, he will not be risked.

The likelihood is that we will play Craig in the team for next Wednesday's match against Eastern Transvaal," Graham Hogg, the Scotland coach, said.

that includes No 8 Peter Walton and props Mattie Stewart and David Hilton. In the backs, the Scotland A centre Cameron Murray and newcomer Shaun Football Stadium.

which Hogg has described as "a considerable step up from the game against Zimbabwe".

Injuries ruled out centre Christophe Lamaison and stand-off Alain Penaud for France's first Test against Ausnamed in midfield while David Aucagne will take the No 10 jersey for the match at the Sydney

Lions' victory over Natal last also miss Wales' international weekend and flew home on against Romania on 30 August30 and will be struggling to prove his fitness in time to meet the All Blacks at Wembley on 15 November. The Rugby Football Union

yesterday poured scorn over Cliff Brittle's threat to sack his enemies if he is elected as the chairman of the new management board at next month's annual meeting. Brittle, currently the executive committee chairman, said he would have no hesitation wielding the axe should England's grass-roots clubs elect him - a defiant claim that appeared to threaten the RFU secretary Tony Hallett, the treasurer Colin Herridge and the incoming president Peter Brook.

Yesterday, though, a spokes-manfor the RFU said: "Mr Brittle's statement failed to disclose that, under RFU rules, the RFU Executive are elected - as he is. He has no more the right to sack them than they have to sack him. As far as his remarks tralia. Richard Dourthe was are leading to insecurity and staff dissatisfaction at all levels in Twickenham, which is adversely affecting levels of ser-



Lions battle preparations: Matt Dawson has his head shaved by team-mate Tim Rodber before tomorrow's first Test

Photograph: Alisport

Eagles wrestling with success

Rugby League

It does not take much to become Britain's guru of the week in the World Club Championship. One win, in fact - so we had better listen carefully to John Kear when he recommends a pre-match regime of group dynamics and wrestling.

Kear's Sheffield Eagles recorded Britain's only victory of the second round of the tournament last weekend, hanging on when all seemed lost and grabbing their late chance to heat Perth Reds. They are far from guaranteed to repeat the achievement against Hunter Mariners tonight, but they have

already proved something about the power of positive thinking. With a two week lead-up to

the Perth game, Kear, who has coached Academy tours to Australia and New Zealand, treat-

of a Greek wrestling coach. Australian side was the speed with which they play the ball. With him, we devised techniques to slow them down."

ed his players very much like a squad on tour. "We did a lot of intensive skills work and also brought in a psychologist to work on their mental approach," he said, but his most startling innovation was his use

"We knew that one of the problems of playing against an Not only did that work, but it also worked without conceding many penalties, enabling Sheffield to gradually take the initiative as the game went on. No one was more instrumental in that than Marcus Vassilakopoulos - who, despite his name. is not an import from Greek

loan from Leeds. It was his tackle that ripped the ball out of Greg Fleming's grip for the winning try and then another that stopped Chris Ryan as he set off down the wing, threatening to snatch the game back for Perth. "It's a better feeling than playing at Wembley for Leeds," he said.

grappling but a forward on

Vassilakopoulos, who came off the bench for his crucial cameo role last Sunday, will start at loose forward tonight.

from a leg injury.

Kear will also shuffle the rest of his side. After the success of leaving two of his bet-ter players, Keith Senior and Johnny Lawless, on the bench for much of the first half determined to show what they could do when they got on, both will start today's game. Senior will have the special job of marking Mariners' potentially destructive centre. Kevin Iro.

Sheffield's problem, as Kear concedes, is that Hunter Mariners are currently a team in better form and mood than Perth. Tonight will tell whether he and his side can wrestle more formidable opponents to the ground.

Wigan carpet Cowie

Wigan have sent their prop for- are now without two regular ward, Neil Cowie, home from Australia after a disciplinary breach, writes Dave Hadfield. The Wales and Great Britain international missed a training session after his side's World Club Championship thrashing by

the Brisbane Broncos. "He failed to provide a satisfactory reason and I decided to send him straight home," the Wigan coach, Eric Hughes, said. "The players have been brought out here to do a job and I will accept nothing less than 100 per

cent commitment." The club's chairman, Jack Robinson, who supported Hugh-es' decision, said that the board would discuss any further action against Cowie next week. Wigan players for their match at Canerra on Sunday, with Nigel Wright resting a groin strain. The Bradford Bulls, bitterly

disappointed by their narrow defeats in their first two games, get their last chance on home soil tonight against Cronulla. Stuart Spruce returns at fullback and the experienced forwards, Bernard Dwyer and

Sonny Nickie, could also play a part after extended absences. Cronulla are likely to be without their discovery of the tour-

nament, Russell Richardson. with a knee injury suffered in scoring against St Helens, but Bradford will still be wary of a back division the pace of which is illustrated by Andrew Etting-

shausen being arguably its slow-

Saints have put in an official complaint that two of Cronulla's tries in their 48-8 victory on Monday were scored in extra time wrongly added on to the first half because of faulty time-keeping. Saints fear that the extra points conceded could affect their final placing in their pool.

Saints' winger Danny Arnold is one of the newcomers in Scotland's squad for their international against France at Partick Thistle on 9 July.

The former Salford captain. Ian Blease, who was banned for life for assaulting a touch-judge, has had his suspension com-muted on appeal to end on 31 March next year.

Lewis snubs British squad

Athletics

Denise Lewis, the Olympic bronze medallist and the Commonwealth heptathlog recordholder, has pulled out of the Great Britain squad for the European Cup combined events in Tallinn, Estonia, on 28 and 29 June.

The 24-year-old from Wolverhampton, who criticised the British Athletic Federation and the Sports Council over funding for athletes earlier this week, has decided to reschedule her programme.
In a meeting in Germany two

weeks ago she achieved 6,736 points - a score that would have given her gold in Atlanta.

Admiral's Cup hopes hit by congestion

A frustrated British Admiral's Cup team are incensed that fixture congestion next month may upset their build-up for an event in which they face nationally funded opposition, writes Stuart Alexander. Andy Beadsworth, the

helmsman of the mid-sized boat, Tony Buckingham's 40ft Easy Oars, has to compete in the Soling World Championships, in which he missed a brouze medal by one place last year, in Kiel just days before the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup races start in the Solent in order to secure a Sports Council grant for his continued preparation for the Sydney

Some members of the threeboat British team feel that the schedule of a major regatta next week, followed by the 40ft World Championships in Poland and then the Admiral's Cup is heavy enough already without having to change dis-

The British are also using this dispute as a platform to grumble that, whereas the Italians send a a full support team for Cup, the British have to fund their own shore team.

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Hernel & Werford Royals have appointed Dane Beszzynski, of the United States, as their new head coach. Beszzynski replaces one of Hernel & Wardord's team owners Vince Macauley-Razaq.

Roger Huggins, the England interna-tional, has turned his back on Sheffield unian, reasiumed his back on shemed Sharks and signed a deal with Antwerp in Belgium. Huggins, capped 42 times, averaged 19 points and seven rebounds last season for the National Cup run-nantial. Shaffadd have not be seen ners-up. Sheffield have yet to re-sign their other three starters - guard Deon Harnes and forwards Voise Winters and

Boxing
PJ Gallagter, the British super-featherwight champion, has been advised to take a break from boxing on medical

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The number of golfers entered for next month's Open Championship at Troon. The figure is 215 more than last year's record and means that there will be an extra regional qualitying venue - Northamptonshire County.

SPORTING DIGEST grounds. Gallagher will be out for six months to a year after undergoing check-ups from a number of doctors and spe-cialists, leaving him no alternative but

Claudio Chlappucci's Asics team has been left out of the Tour de France be-cause of their poor form this season. Asked if Chiappucci, twice a Tour runner-up, could race for another team, a Tour spokesman said he could see no impediment.

impediment.
Weishman Matt Postie pulled off an Isle
of Man double against the clock when
he won the open 10-mile time-trail yesterday. He followed up his victory over
25 miles on Tuesday by covering a
course near Ramsey in 21min 24sec
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Rugby Union Musselburgh will fill the vacant place in the Scottish Premiership Second Division next season. The opportunity arest in the wake of the merger of GHR and Glesgow Academicals to form a new club. gow Academicals to form a new club, Glasgow Hawks, to compete in the SRU Championship. As a result, the secondplaced teams in National League divisions one to four will also be promoted. The Newcastle manager, Rob Andrew has completed the signing of the Eng-land A wing, Jim Naylor, from Orrell, A consortium of Insh businessmen is seeking to take over London Insh and put £1m into the Courage League First Division club. A decision on the bid will Division club. A decision on the bid will be made at an extraordinary general meeting of club members a week today. Australia (v. France, first fiest, Sydney, temorrout: S. Ladnam, B. Tune, J. Little, P. Howard, J. Roff, T. Hoori, G. Gregor, D. Mans, D. Wilson, B. Robinson, J. Eales (capt), D. Giffen, E. McNerse, M. Capus, R. Harry, F. Parmas Saltes, R. Diustre, T. Castaggidde, D. Versitti; D. Aucagne, P. Carhomesur, F. Petpus, O. Magne, A. Benáza (capt), O. Moria, O. Brouzer, C. Cantano, M. Del Maso, F. Tourrare.

Rain prevented play at both Nottingham and Eastbourne yesterday. Monica Seles was left one set down to Brenda Schuftz-McCarthy in the quanter-finals of the grass court tournament in Eastbourne; at the Nottingham Open Tim Hermen and Grant Stafford were even at one set apiece, as were Scott Drap-er and Karol Kucara. HEINEKEN TROPHY (Ros

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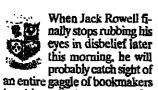
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Celtic front squares up to Springboks

Rugby Union

CHRIS HEWETT reports from Cape Town



laughing all the way to the No one, least of all the England coach, could conceivably have predicted that the Lions would go into tomorrow's first Test against South Africa armed with four Celts in the front five, two of them bantamweight

them and not much more than 16st apiece, will cement the British Isles scrum against a fearsome Springbok front row featuring Os du Randt, the former schoolboy wrestler from the Free State who could probably lose both opponents among the loose change in his right

With Kenth Wood of Ireland installed as hooker and Jeremy Davidson, his countryman, ensconced in the second row, only Martin Johnson survives from the muscle-bound English unit that swept all before it in last season's

Five Nations' Championship Staggering as it still seems to those who watched Scotland props. But there you have it; the and Ireland mercilessly disworld has been turned on its head in the space of a month. mantled by England just four

15 international caps between red rose tight five has been on the cards since Smith, Wallace and Davidson squared up to the hard nots of Gauteng in Jo-hannesburg last Wednesday night and emerged with their teeth intact and their reputations hugely enhanced.

There had never been much of a question mark over their collective footballing abilities abilities entirely suited to lan McGeechan's vision of a wide, attacking, 21st century game plan - but their success in the less glamorous and infinitely more perilous areas of scrum, maul and line-out persuaded the selectors to trust them with the ultimate responsibility await-ing the tourists at Newlands. In short, their rapid progress enabled McGeechan and the rest of the hierarchy to stick to their

guns and maintain the courage of their adventurous convic-

Win or lose, this is a bravura selection. The Lions would have entered tomorrow's fray with a still bolder appearance had Eric Miller, the brilliant Irish No 8, not fallen victim to a flu-type virus that finally ruled him out of contention yesterday.

Fran Cotton, the manager, reached new heights of diplomacy by skirting the hard ques-tions, but there is no doubt that Miller was first choice when the selectors put their heads together on Tuesday night.

Tun Rodber, a notable success in his two excursions as captain, joins Dallaglio and midweek Lawrence Richard Hill in an all-English

crucial decision-making areas of No 8 and half-back, with Matt Dawson and Gregor Townsend also in place. "We know each other's games backwards," Townsend said yesterday.

In the only other contentious position, Alan Tait was named in front of John Bentley - the big character of the tour party. if not the most delicate - on the left wing. Bentley can legitimately curse his luck, especialafter his heroics in Johannesburg and another highly charged effort in Wellington on Tuesday, but Tait's superior footballing know-how

choice to confront James Small. "The fact that some of those once perceived as Test out-

makes him a perfectly sound

sures a Northampton axis in the quickly is a tribute to the individuals concerned and also a tribute to the entire squad, who have met the challenge of drawing the best from each other," McGeechan said. "It was unquestionably the hardest selection debate of my career and there are players outside the

> pletely happy to go into a Test. Yes, scrummaging is going to be exceptionally important tomorrow, but we think we've come up with a tight front row. We've based our decisions purely on how players have come on during the tour and on the particular strengths they possess in terms of the things we're trying to achieve as a side.
> "It will be a massive step up

> 21 with whom I could be com-

for everyone, we know that. But

ing over the last five weeks that encourages me greatly.

Johnson, the captain, is the only forward with experience of a Lions' Test - he played twice in New Zealand in 1993. It is a different story among the threequarters, where Jeremy Guscott and Scott Gibbs renew their successful partnership of four years ago and Ieuan Evans plays his seventh consecutive British Isles international on the right-wing. "It was an honour back in '89 and it's still an honour now." the

Welsh icon from Llanelli said. It is Wood, however, who has the over-riding reason to feel sharply emotional about his achievement; his late father Gordon played two Tests as a Lions prop in New Zealand in 1959 and when the Harlequins hooker broke the good news to

his mother back home in Limerick, there were tears of joy on both ends of the phone. "Emulating my father wasn't something I'd even thought about before coming here but now, at the 11th hour, the heartstrings are beginning to pull," he said. This may be the first professional tour in Lions history, but there are still some things that money cannot buy.

FIRST TEST: Atherton and England left frustrated as rain prevents them from maintaining their momentum against Australia

MacLaurin lifts general gloom

It was the first time in five years that a whole day had been lost in a home Test match without a ball being bowled. With per-sistent light rain still falling, play was called off at 4.55pm. It was an announcement that gave what was widely regarded as the hottest ticket in town, all the kudos of a soggy handkerchief.

The wash-out means that the England and Wales Cricket Board will refund all ticket holders, an offer that will cost their insurers £650,000. The last time Lord's made such a claim was when the West Indies were here in 1991, when play was abandoned without a ball bowled. On that occasion, there was a treat in store and both sides were invited round to Buckingham Palace to have tea with the Queen.

There was no such sweetener yesterday, where a patient and well behaved crowd went away as frustrated as the players. It may appear to be in England's strategic interests to get past Lord's on a roll and two-up is even better than remaining on one.

As umpires stomped and ground staff mopped, it was interesting to watch the body language of England's captain, Michael Atherton. Formerly an avid weather watcher who rejoiced in rain, Atherton stalked about with hands on hips like a gunslinger eager to get on with the shoot-out. With the captain this keen, the rest of the dressing-room must have reeked of wasted adrenalin and this Test will need four clear days to mop up the excess.

Some of the gloom here, however, was leavened by Lord MacLaurin, who paid fulsome tribute to England's dynamic start to the season. The chairman of the ECB felt that since the "shambles" of those one-day defeats in Zimbabwe, the players had responded "brilliantly"

to suggestions made to them. "We decided we wanted a complete dialogue with the players," MacLaurin said. "So after the third loss in Harare, I went into the dressing-room to draw a line under that performance and make it plain that we would sink or swim together. The England team are our shop window and I wanted them to know that

An Essex woman who staked £50,000 on a drawn second Test bet an additional £109,000 yesterday. The first £50,000 was staked with William Hill at odds of 4-6. The extra money was laid at 2-5, so with deductions she may make a profit of £62,623.

we at the ECB would do all we could to support them." By applying the same man-

agement principles as he would to a branch of Tesco, MacLaurin has won the trust and respect of England's suit-suspicious cricketers. A three-day manment development course at Heythrop, in Oxfordshire, during April began the processes of teamwork and co-operation. An ongoing procedure, it was given the MacLaurin touch last week, when all those involved at Edgbaston received a bottle of champagne and a personal letter of congratulation.

There is little doubt, howev-

take the lion's share of the credit. He has an natural instinct for haps be too strong a word, he and his team seem to have worked a minor miracle. In one fell swoop he has led the players into a world brimming with self-belief while getting rid of the confusion, secrecy and ambiguity that used to poison previous relationships

etween hierarchy and players. Instead he has simplified the players' role and brought a renewed understanding to it. "They are closer to us than ever before," he said, adding that the current improvements were the fruits borne of 15 per cent of a 100 per cent plan. That plan will be released in full on 5 August under the ECB's proposed strategy for all cricket.

Meanwhile, with Lord's shrouded in gloom, thoughts were turned to sunny weather with the announcement of this winter's tour managers. David Graveney, with the blessing of the Professional Cricketers' Association, will manage the first part of the winter, when England play a one-day tournament in Sharjah between 11 and 20 December, a tournament that will be preceded by a week in Lahore.

Graveney will then hand over responsibilities to Bob Benneti, who will manage the team in the West Indies. As chairman of Lancashire, Bennett will join both Atherton and Lloyd to form something of a red rose

As MacLaurin himself admitted: "It may look a bit incestuous, but its the characters that count." Something English er, that MacLaurin is loath to cricket has at last discovered.



Just the tipple: Lord's spectators console themselves as rain obliterated the first day's play in the second Test yesterday

From Ashes to alcohol

It was to have been such a colourful day. Michael Atherton should have trotted out on to the famous ground for a record 42nd time as captain of England (passing Peter May's mark) in front of a sell-out crowd, who had paid, collectively, around £650,000 to wit-

ness the historic moment. Instead it was a black and white day, from the menacing clouds above, to the pristine, gleaming wet stands below. while on the giant screen the crowd - those few able to see it - was entertained by some flickering footage of Ashes highlights from the monochrome era of television.

Around Thomas Lord's old ground dripped the crowd, resigning themselves to seeing no cricket, perhaps anticipating a refund through the English Cricket Board's Raincheck Scheme, a 100 per cent refund for seeing up to 10 overs, 50 per cent up to 25 overs.

Footbali

David Lewellyn finds the weather is no bar to action at a wet Lord's

disgruntled. Stoically, they sought alternative distractions. The MCC membership packed the pavilion, speaking in li-brarian-low tones while the public filled the bars with a happy buzz of conversation. The hardier souls sipped champagne at one of two mobile bars in an area at the Nursery End. Still more crammed into the bookies. Ladbrokes had a television and the other attraction of the weck, Ladies' Day at Royal

Ascot, was on the box. Others lucky enough to be in seats that were sheltered from the elements remained where they were, delving from time to time into hampers and currier bags. Their presence must have No one seemed particularly puzzled the tourist from Yoko-

hama in Japan who stepped into the ground clutching his ticket. It was only spitting with rain. He squinted and asked where the play was. He will have wondered at those eccentrics who sat and stared at plastic sheeting as rain robbed Test cricket for the 83rd time of a complete day's play in England, the fourth time the opening day of the Lord's Test has been lost to the weather.

Time hangs heavy under overcast skies. Desultory groups of players formed card schools, or wandered around the confines of the pavilion.

The only people seemingly untouched and unaffected by the climate were the corporate hospitality guests. They re-mained, as always on these strawherry-season days, their backs to the event, steadfastly tucking in to bouchees and business talk.

Atherton should have his moment today. Yesterday, history was postponed.

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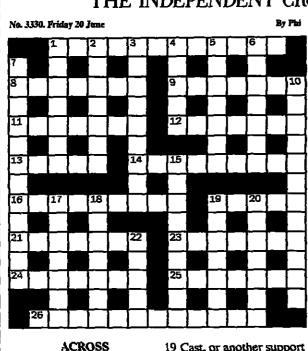
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deal said to be on the table. Platt's future at Highbury looks bleak following Wenger's acquisition of five new players. Providing Southampton pay the Cm required to buy out the

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The Arsenal manager Arsène

the new manager of Southamp-

ton. The Saints chairman, Ru-

pert Lowe, has reportedly held

talks with the former England

international about a move to

The Dell, with a five-year £1.5m

two years left on the 31-year-old's contract. Wenger has no problem in letting him go. "Only he knows what he wants to do. It's up to David to decide where he wants to go." Wenger said: "But I will have a

wants to do. If he is happy somewhere else, then, yes, we will consider any offer for him." As Platt considers leaving, one of the Gunners' old stal-

Platt set for Saints job

Wenger yesterday paved the way for David Platt to take over as warts is on his way back. Don Howe is stepping down as the Football Association's technical co-ordinator to rejoin the club. The 59-year-old former Arsenal manager and full-back, who also coached them to the League and FA Cup double under Bertie Mee in 1971, is to become the head youth coach at Highbury, working with the head of youth development, Liam Brady.

Bobby Robson's No 2 at Barcelona has confirmed that the former England manager is leaving the Spanish club, who seem certain to replace him with the Ajax coach. Louis van Gaal. Jose Mourinho, who arrived with Robson from Porto, said:

"Like Bobby, I will be leaving Barcelona on 30 June. I'm of the same opinion as Robson that if Van Gaal doesn't win the league in his first year, he'll meet the same fate. We are leaving hecause, despite Barcelona winning the Spanish Super Cup, the Cup-Winners' Cup and getting a place in the European Champions' League and in the Spanish Cup final, we did not win the League title. What's happened here is incredible." Lecds United have complet-

ed the signing of the Portuguese Under-21 international midfielder Bruno Ribeiro from Vitoria Setubal for £500,000. The Dutch international striker Bryan Roy looks set to leave Nottingham Forest for the Ger-man Bundesliga newcomers. Hertha Berlin, although a transfer figure has not yet been